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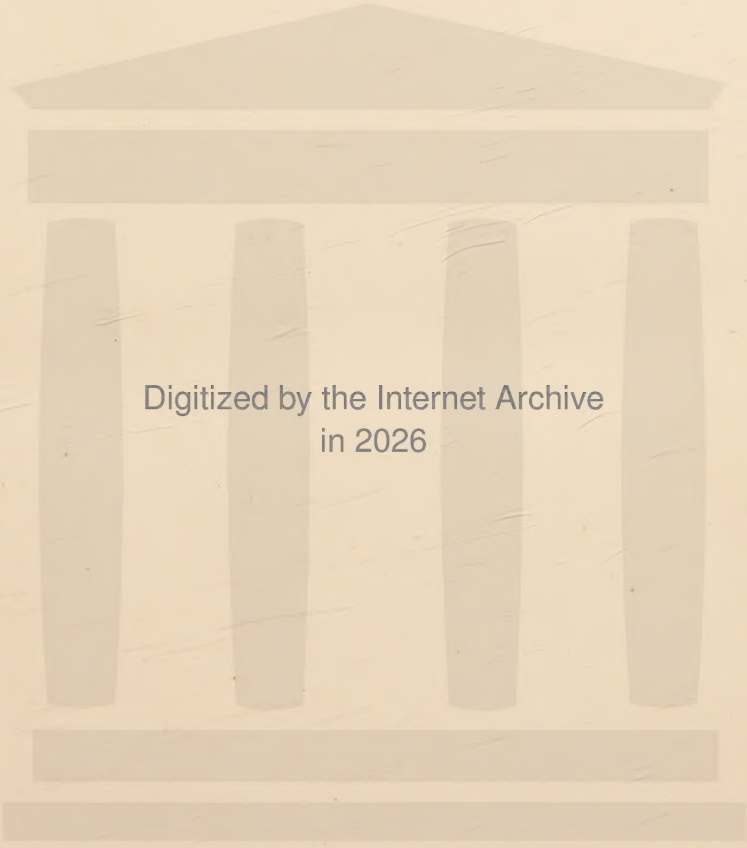
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# THE OLD TESTAMENT.

VOL. II.

*I. SAMUEL—ESTHER.*

THE

# FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL.

**1** 1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-
zophim, of the hill country of Ephraim, and his
name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the
son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph,
2 an Ephraimite: and he had two wives; the
name of the one was Hannah, and the name
of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had child-
3 ren, but Hannah had no children. And this
man went up out of his city from year to year
to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of
hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli,
Hophni and Phinehas, priests unto the LORD,
4 were there. And when the day came that
Elkanah sacrificed, he gave to Peninnah his
wife, and to all her sons and her daughters,
5 portions: but unto Hannah he gave [1]a double
portion: for he loved Hannah, but the LORD
6 had shut up her womb. And her rival pro-
voked her sore, for to make her fret, because
7 the LORD had shut up her womb. And *as* he
did so year by year, when she went up to the
house of the LORD, so she provoked her; there-
8 fore she wept, and did not eat. And Elkanah
her husband said unto her, Hannah, why weep-
est thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is
thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than
9 ten sons? So Hannah rose up after they had

[1] The Sept. reads, *a single portion, because she had no child; howbeit Elkanah loved &c.*

eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk.
Now Eli the priest sat upon his seat by the
door post of the temple of the LORD. And she 10
was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the
LORD, and wept sore. And she vowed a vow, 11
and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed
look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and
remember me, and not forget thine handmaid,
but wilt give unto thine handmaid [1]a man child,
then I will give him unto the LORD all the days
of his life, and there shall no razor come upon
his head. And it came to pass, as she con- 12
tinued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked
her mouth. Now Hannah, she spake in her 13
heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was
not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been
drunken. And Eli said unto her, How long 14
wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from
thee. And Hannah answered and said, No, 15
my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I
have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but
I poured out my soul before the LORD. Count 16
not thine handmaid for [2]a daughter of [3]Belial:
for out of the abundance of my complaint and
my provocation have I spoken hitherto. Then 17
Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the
God of Israel grant thy petition that thou hast
asked of him. And she said, Let thy servant 18
find grace in thy sight. So the woman went
her way, and did eat, and her countenance
was no more *sad*. And they rose up in the 19
morning early, and worshipped before the LORD,
and returned, and came to their house to Ra-
mah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and
the LORD remembered her. And it came to 20
pass, when the time was come about, that Han-
nah conceived, and bare a son; and she called
his name Samuel, *saying*, Because I have asked

[1] Heb. *seed of men.*

[2] Or, *a wicked woman*

[3] That is, *worthlessness.*

21 him of the LORD. And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD
22 the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, *I will not go up* until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear be-
23 fore the LORD, and there abide for ever. And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman tarried and gave her son suck,
24 until she weaned him. And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with [1]three bullocks, and one ephah of meal, and a [2]bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child was young.
25 And they slew the bullock, and brought the
26 child to Eli. And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD.
27 For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:
28 therefore I also have [3]granted him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he is granted to the LORD. And [4]he worshipped the LORD there.

[1] The Sept. and Syriac have, *a bullock of three years old.*
[2] Or, *skin*
[3] Or, *lent*
[4] According to several ancient authorities, *they.*

**2** 1 And Hannah prayed, and said:

My heart exulteth in the LORD,
Mine horn is exalted in the LORD:
My mouth is enlarged over mine enemies;
Because I rejoice in thy salvation.

2 There is none holy as the LORD;
For there is none beside thee:
Neither is there any rock like our God.

3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly;
Let not arrogancy come out of your mouth:
For the LORD is a God of knowledge,
[5]And by him actions are weighed.

4 The bows of the mighty men are broken,

[5] According to another reading, *Though actions be not weighed.*

And they that stumbled are girded with strength.
They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; 5
And they that were hungry [1]have ceased:
Yea, the barren hath borne seven;
And she that hath many children languisheth.
The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: 6
He bringeth down to [2]the grave, and bringeth up.
The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: 7
He bringeth low, he also lifteth up.
He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, 8
He lifteth up the needy from the dunghill,
To make them sit with princes,
And inherit the throne of glory:
For the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S,
And he hath set the world upon them.
He will keep the feet of his [3]holy ones, 9
But the wicked shall be put to silence in darkness;
For by strength shall no man prevail.
They that strive with the LORD shall be 10
broken to pieces;
Against them shall he thunder in heaven:
The LORD shall judge the ends of the earth;
And he shall give strength unto his king,
And exalt the horn of his anointed.

And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. 11
And the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest.

Now the sons of Eli were [4]sons of [5]Belial; 12
[6]they knew not the LORD. And the custom of 13
the priests with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came,

[1] Or, *have rest*

[2] Heb. *Sheol.*

[3] Or, *godly ones* Another reading is, *holy one.*

[4] Or, *wicked men*

[5] That is, *worthlessness.*

[6] Or, *they knew not the* LORD, *nor the due of the priests from the people. When any man &c.*

while the flesh was in seething, with a flesh-
14 hook of three teeth in his hand; and he struck
it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all
that the fleshhook brought up the priest took
[1]therewith. So they did in Shiloh unto all the
15 Israelites that came thither. Yea, before they
burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and
said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to
roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden
16 flesh of thee, but raw. And if the man said
unto him, They will surely burn the fat [2]presently,
and then take as much as thy soul desireth;
then [3]he would say, Nay, but thou shalt
give it me now: and if not, I will take it by
17 force. And the sin of the young men was very
great before the LORD: for [4]men abhorred the
offering of the LORD.

18 But Samuel ministered before the LORD, being
19 a child, girded with a linen ephod. Moreover
his mother made him a little robe, and brought
it to him from year to year, when she came up
with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.
20 And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and
said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman
[5]for the loan which was lent to the LORD. And
21 they went unto their own home. [6]And the
LORD visited Hannah, and she conceived, and
bare three sons and two daughters. And the
child Samuel grew before the LORD.

22 Now Eli was very old; and he heard all that
his sons did unto all Israel, and how that they
lay with the women that [7]did service at the door
23 of the tent of meeting. And he said unto them,
Why do ye such things? for I hear of your
24 evil dealings from all this people. Nay, my
sons; for it is no good report [8]that I hear: ye
25 make the LORD'S people to transgress. If one
man sin against another, [9]God shall judge him:

[1] Some ancient authorities read, *for himself.*

[2] Or, *first*

[3] Another reading is, *he would say unto him, Thou &c.*

[4] Or, *the men despised*

[5] Or, *for the petition which was asked for the LORD*

[6] The Heb. has, *For.*

[7] See Ex. xxxviii. 8.

[8] Or, *which I hear the LORD'S people do spread abroad*

[9] Or, *the judge*

but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them. And the child 26
Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.

And there came a man of God unto Eli, and 27
said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I reveal myself unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt [1]*in bondage* to Pharaoh's house? [2]And did I choose him out of all the 28
tribes of Israel to be my priest, to [3]go up unto mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? [4]and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings of the children of Israel made by fire? Wherefore [5]kick ye at my 29
sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in *my* habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? Therefore the LORD, the God of Israel, saith, I 30
said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed. Be- 31
hold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house. And thou shalt behold [6]the affliction of *my* hab- 32
itation, in all the wealth which *God* shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever. [7]And the man of thine, 33
*whom* I shall not cut off from mine altar, *shall be* to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die [8]in the flower of their age. And this shall 34
be the sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy

[1] Or, *in Pharaoh's house*
[2] Or, *And I chose*
[3] Or, *offer upon*
[4] Or, *and gave*
[5] Or, *trample ye upon...and upon*
[6] Or, *an adversary in* my *habitation*
[7] Or, *Yet will I not cut off every man of thine from mine altar, to consume &c.*
[8] Heb. when they be *men*. The Sept. has, *by the sword of men.*

two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day
35 they shall die both of them. And I will raise
me up a faithful priest, that shall do according
to that which is in mine heart and in my mind:
and I will build him a sure house; and he shall
36 walk before mine anointed for ever. And it
shall come to pass, that every one that is left
in thine house shall come and bow down to him
for a piece of silver and a loaf of bread, and
shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the
priests' offices, that I may eat a morsel of bread.

**3** 1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the
LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD
was [1]precious in those days; there was no [1] Or, *rare*
2 [2]open vision. And it came to pass at that time, [2] Or, *frequent* Heb. *widely spread.*
when Eli was laid down in his place, (now his
eyes had begun to wax dim, that he could not
3 see,) and the lamp of God was not yet gone
out, and Samuel was laid down *to sleep*, in the
temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was;
4 that the LORD called Samuel: and he said,
5 Here am I. And he ran unto Eli, and said,
Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he
said, I called not; lie down again. And he
6 went and lay down. And the LORD called yet
again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went
to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst
me. And he answered, I called not, my son;
7 lie down again. Now Samuel did not yet
know the LORD, neither was the word of the
8 LORD yet revealed unto him. And the LORD
called Samuel again the third time. And he
arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I;
for thou calledst me. And Eli perceived that
9 the LORD had called the child. Therefore Eli
said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall
be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak,
LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel

went and lay down in his place. And the LORD 10
came, and stood, and called as at other times,
Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel said, Speak;
for thy servant heareth. And the LORD said to 11
Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at
which both the ears of every one that heareth
it shall tingle. In that day I will perform 12
against Eli all that I have spoken concerning
his house, from the beginning even unto the end.
For I have told him that I will judge his house 13
for ever, for the iniquity which he knew, because
his sons [1]did bring a curse upon themselves, and
he restrained them not. And therefore I have 14
sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity
of Eli's house shall not be [2]purged with sacrifice
nor offering for ever. And Samuel lay until 15
the morning, and opened the doors of the house
of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli
the vision. Then Eli called Samuel, and said, 16
Samuel, my son. And he said, Here am I.
And he said, What is the thing that *the* LORD 17
hath spoken unto thee? I pray thee hide it
not from me: God do so to thee, and more
also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the
things that he spake unto thee. And Samuel 18
told him every whit, and hid nothing from him.
And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what
seemeth him good. And Samuel grew, and 19
the LORD was with him, and did let none of his
words fall to the ground. And all Israel from 20
Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was
established to be a prophet of the LORD. And 21
the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the
LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by
the word of the LORD. And the word of 1 4
Samuel came to all Israel.

[1] The Sept. has, *speak evil of God.*

[2] Or, *expiated*

Now Israel went out against the Philistines
to battle, and pitched beside [3]Eben-ezer: and

[3] See ch. vii. 12.

2 the Philistines pitched in Aphek. And the
Philistines put themselves in array against
Israel: and when [1]they joined battle, Israel was
smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of
the [2]army in the field about four thousand men.
3 And when the people were come into the camp,
the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the
LORD smitten us to-day before the Philistines?
Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD
out of Shiloh unto us, that it may come among
us, and save us out of the hand of our enemies.
4 So the people sent to Shiloh, and they brought
from thence the ark of the covenant of the
LORD of hosts, which [3]sitteth upon the cherubim:
and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas,
were there with the ark of the covenant of God.
5 And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD
came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a
6 great shout, so that the earth rang again. And
when the Philistines heard the noise of the
shout, they said, What meaneth the noise of
this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews?
And they understood that the ark of the LORD
7 was come into the camp. And the Philistines
were afraid, for they said, God is come into the
camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there
8 hath not been such a thing heretofore. Woe
unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand
of these mighty gods? these are the gods that
smote the Egyptians with all manner of [4]plagues
9 in the wilderness. Be strong, and quit your-
selves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be
not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have
been to you: quit yourselves like men, and
10 fight. And the Philistines fought, and Israel
was smitten, and they fled every man to his
tent: and there was a very great slaughter;
for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen.

[1] Or, *the battle was spread*

[2] Heb. *array.*

[3] Or, *dwelleth between*

[4] Heb. *smiting.*

And the ark of God was taken; and the two 11
sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.
And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the 12
[1]army, and came to Shiloh the same day with
his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head.
And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon his seat 13
[2]by the way side watching: for his heart trem-
bled for the ark of God. And when the man
came into the city, and told it, all the city cried
out. And when Eli heard the noise of the 14
crying, he said, What meaneth the noise of this
tumult? And the man hasted, and came and
told Eli. Now Eli was ninety and eight years 15
old; and his eyes were [3]set, that he could not
see. And the man said unto Eli, I am he that 16
came out of the [1]army, and I fled to-day out of
the [1]army. And he said, How went the mat-
ter, my son? And he that brought the tidings 17
answered and said, Israel is fled before the
Philistines, and there hath been also a great
slaughter among the people, and thy two sons
also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the
ark of God is taken. And it came to pass, 18
when he made mention of the ark of God, that
he fell from off his seat backward by the side
of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died:
for he was an old man, and heavy. And he
had judged Israel forty years. And his daughter 19
in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to
be delivered: and when she heard the tidings
that the ark of God was taken, and that her
father in law and her husband were dead, she
bowed herself and brought forth; for her pains
came upon her. And about the time of her 20
death the women that stood by her said unto
her, Fear not; for thou hast brought forth a
son. But she answered not, neither did she
regard it. And she named the child [4]Ichabod, 21

[1] Heb. *array.*

[2] The Sept. has, *beside the gate, watching the way.*

[3] See 1 Kings xiv. 4.

[4] That is, There is *no glory.*

saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because
22 of her father in law and her husband. And she said, The glory is departed from Israel; for the ark of God is taken.

5 1 Now the Philistines had taken the ark of God, and they brought it from Eben-ezer unto
2 Ashdod. And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it into the house of Dagon,
3 and set it by Dagon. And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen [1]upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD. And they took
4 Dagon, and set him in his place again. And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen [1]upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands *lay* cut off upon the threshold; only *the stump*
5 *of* Dagon was left to him. Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod, unto this day.

6 But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with [2]tumours, [3]even Ashdod and
7 the borders thereof. And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon
8 our god. They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel
9 about *thither*. And it was so, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was

[1] Or, *before it*

[2] Or, *plague boils* As read by the Jews, *emerods*.
[3] The Sept. has instead, *and in the midst of the land thereof mice were brought forth, and there was a great and deadly destruction in the city*.

against the city with a very great discomfiture: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and tumours brake out upon them.
So they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And 10
it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people.
They sent therefore and gathered together all 11
the lords of the Philistines, and they said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to its own place, that it slay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly discomfiture throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there. And the men that 12
died not were smitten with the tumours: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

[1] Heb. *field.*

[2] The Sept. adds, *and their land swarmed with mice.*

[3] Or, *trespass offering*

[4] Heb. *them.*

And the ark of the LORD was in the [1]country 1 6
of the Philistines seven months[2]. And the 2
Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do with the ark of the LORD? shew us wherewith we shall send it to its place. And they said, If ye send 3
away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a [3]guilt offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you. Then said they, What shall be the 4
guilt offering which we shall return to him? And they said, Five golden tumours, and five golden mice, *according to* the number of the lords of the Philistines: for one plague was on [4]you all, and on your lords. Wherefore ye 5
shall make images of your tumours, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land. Where- 6

fore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had [1]wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let [2]the people go, and they de-
7 parted? Now therefore take and prepare you a new cart, and two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart,
8 and bring their calves home from them: and take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a guilt offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may
9 go. And see, if it goeth up by the way of its own border to Beth-shemesh, then he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote
10 us; it was a chance that happened to us. And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves
11 at home: and they put the ark of the LORD upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of
12 gold and the images of their tumours. And the kine took the straight way by the way to Beth-shemesh; they went along [3]the high way, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border
13 of Beth-shemesh. And they of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark,
14 and rejoiced to see it. And the cart came into the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite, and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered up the kine for a burnt offering unto the LORD.
15 And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on the

[1] Or, *made a mock of*
[2] Heb. *them.*
[3] Heb. *one raised way.*

great stone: and the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the LORD. And when the 16
five lords of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day.

And these are the golden tumours which the 17
Philistines returned for a guilt offering unto the LORD; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Ashkelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one; and 18
the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both of fenced cities and of country villages: even unto the great [1]stone, whereon they set down the ark of the LORD, *which stone remaineth* unto this day in the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite. [2]And he smote of 19
the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people seventy men, *and* fifty thousand men: and the people mourned, because the LORD had smitten the people with a great slaughter. And the men of Beth-shemesh said, 20
Who is able to stand before the LORD, this holy God? and to whom shall he go up from us? And they sent messengers to the inhabitants 21
of Kiriath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, and fetch it up to you. And the men of 1 7
Kiriath-jearim came, and fetched up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in [3]the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

And it came to pass, from the day that the 2
ark abode in Kiriath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel [4]lamented after the LORD. And 3
Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your

[1] So the Sept. and Targum. The Hebrew text has, *Abel* (that is, *a meadow*).

[2] The Sept. has, *And the sons of Jeconiah rejoiced not among the men of Beth-shemesh, because they saw the ark of the LORD; and he smote among them seventy men, and fifty thousand men.*

[3] Or, *Gibeah*

[4] Or, *was drawn together*

heart, then put away the strange gods and the Ashtaroth from among you, and [1]prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the
4 Philistines. Then the children of Israel did put away the Baalim and the Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only.
5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray for you unto the LORD.
6 And they gathered together to Mizpah, and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel
7 judged the children of Israel in Mizpah. And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they
8 were afraid of the Philistines. And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save
9 us out of the hand of the Philistines. And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a whole burnt offering unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the
10 LORD answered him. And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great [2]thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and
11 they were smitten down before Israel. And the men of Israel went out of Mizpah, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they
12 came under Beth-car. Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and called the name of it [3]Eben-ezer, saying,
13 Hitherto hath the LORD helped us. So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more

[1] Or, *direct*

[2] Heb. *voice.*

[3] That is, *The stone of help.*

within the border of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. And the cities which the Philistines 14
had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the border thereof did Israel deliver out of the hand of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites. And Samuel judged 15
Israel all the days of his life. And he went 16
from year to year in circuit to Beth-el, and Gilgal, and Mizpah; and he judged Israel in all those places. And his return was to Ramah, 17
for there was his house; and there he judged Israel: and he built there an altar unto the LORD.

And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, 1 8
that he made his sons judges over Israel. Now 2
the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abijah: they were judges in Beer-sheba. And his sons walked not in his 3
ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgement.

Then all the elders of Israel gathered them- 4
selves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah: and they said unto him, Behold, thou art 5
old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations. But the thing displeased Samuel, when they 6
said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. And the LORD said 7
unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not be king over them. Ac- 8
cording to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, in that they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do

9 they also unto thee. Now therefore hearken
unto their voice: howbeit thou shalt protest
solemnly unto them, and shalt shew them the
manner of the king that shall reign over them.
10 And Samuel told all the words of the LORD
11 unto the people that asked of him a king. And
he said, This will be the manner of the king
that shall reign over you: he will take your
sons, and appoint them unto him, [1]for his chari-
ots, and to be his horsemen; and they shall run
12 before his chariots: and he will appoint them
unto him for captains of thousands, and cap-
tains of fifties; and *he will set some* to plow his
ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make
his instruments of war, and the instruments of
13 his chariots. And he will take your daughters
to be [2]confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be
14 bakers. And he will take your fields, and your
vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best
15 of them, and give them to his servants. And
he will take the tenth of your seed, and of
your vineyards, and give to his [3]officers, and to
16 his servants. And he will take your men-
servants, and your maidservants, and your
goodliest [4]young men, and your asses, and put
17 them to his work. He will take the tenth of
18 your flocks: and ye shall be his servants. And
ye shall cry out in that day because of your
king which ye shall have chosen you; and the
19 LORD will not answer you in that day. But
the people refused to hearken unto the voice of
Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have
20 a king over us; that we also may be like all the
nations; and that our king may judge us, and
21 go out before us, and fight our battles. And
Samuel heard all the words of the people, and
he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD.
22 And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto

[1] Or, *over his chariots, and over his horses*

[2] Or, *perfumers* See Ex. xxx. 25.

[3] Or, *eunuchs*

[4] The Sept. has, *herds*.

their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

9 Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose 1 name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Becorath, the son of Aphiah, the son of a Benjamite, a mighty man of [1] valour. And he had a son, whose name was 2 Saul, a [2] young man and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people. And the 3 asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses. And he passed through the hill country 4 of Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalishah, but they found them not: then they passed through the land of Shaalim, and there they were not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found them not. When they were come to the land of Zuph, 5 Saul said to his servant that was with him, Come and let us return; lest my father leave caring for the asses, and take thought for us. And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in 6 this city a man of God, and he is a man that is held in honour; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can tell us concerning our journey whereon we go. Then said Saul to his servant, 7 But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God: what have we? And the servant answered 8 Saul again, and said, Behold, I have in my hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: that will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way.

[1] Or, *wealth*
[2] Or, *choice*

9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, thus he said, Come and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a
10 Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.) Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the
11 man of God was. As they went up the ascent to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the
12 seer here? And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, *he is* before thee: make haste now, for he is come to-day into the city; for the people have a sacrifice to-day in the high place:
13 as soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; *and* afterwards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you up; for at this time ye
14 shall find him. And they went up to the city; *and* as they came within the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place.

15 Now the LORD had [1]revealed unto Samuel
16 a day before Saul came, saying, To-morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be [2]prince over my people Israel, and he shall save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people,
17 because their cry is come unto me. And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD [3]said unto him, Behold the man [4]of whom I spake to thee! this same shall have authority over my people.
18 Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's
19 house is. And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer; go up before me unto the

[1] Heb. *uncovered the ear of Samuel.*

[2] Or, *leader*

[3] Heb. *answered him.*

[4] Or, *of whom I said unto thee, This same &c.*

high place, for ye shall eat with me to-day: and
in the morning I will let thee go, and will tell
thee all that is in thine heart. And as for thine 20
asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy
mind on them; for they are found. And [1]for
whom is all that is desirable in Israel? Is it
not for thee, and for all thy father's house?
And Saul answered and said, Am not I a Ben- 21
jamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel?
and my family the least of all the families of
the [2]tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speak-
est thou to me after this manner? And Samuel 22
took Saul and his servant, and brought them
into the guest-chamber, and made them sit in
the chiefest place among them that were bid-
den, which were about thirty persons. And 23
Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion
which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee,
Set it by thee. And the cook took up the 24
[3]thigh, and that which was upon it, and set it
before Saul. And *Samuel* said, Behold that
which hath been reserved! set it before thee
and eat; because unto the appointed time hath
it been kept for thee, [4]for I said, I have invited
the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that
day. And when they were come down from 25
the high place into the city, [5]he communed
with Saul upon the housetop. And they arose 26
early: and it came to pass about the spring of
the day, that Samuel called to Saul on the house-
top, saying, Up, that I may send thee away.
And Saul arose, and they went out both of
them, he and Samuel, abroad. As they were 27
going down at the end of the city, Samuel said
to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and
he passed on,) but stand thou still at this time,
that I may cause thee to hear the word of God.
Then Samuel took the vial of oil, and poured it 1 **10**

[1] Or, *on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on thee, and on all &c.?*

[2] Heb. *tribes.*

[3] Or, *shoulder*

[4] Heb. *saying.*

[5] The Sept. has, *they spread a couch for Saul on the housetop, and he lay down. And it came to pass &c.*

upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not that the LORD hath anointed thee to be
2 prince over his inheritance? When thou art departed from me to-day, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre, in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and taketh thought for you, saying,
3 What shall I do for my son? Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the [1]oak of Tabor, and there shall meet thee there three men going up to God to Beth-el, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a
4 [2]bottle of wine: and they will salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread; which thou shalt
5 receive of their hand. After that thou shalt come to [3]the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a band of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a timbrel, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall
6 be prophesying: and the spirit of the LORD will come mightily upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into
7 another man. And [4]let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, [5]that thou do as occasion
8 serve thee; for God is with thee. And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come unto
9 thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do. And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God [6]gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.

[1] Or, *terebinth*

[2] Or, *skin*

[3] Or, *Gibeah*

[4] Heb. *it shall come to pass, that when these signs &c.*

[5] Heb. *do for thee as thine hand shall find.*

[6] Heb. *turned.*

[1] Or, *Gibeah*

And when they came thither to [1]the hill, 10
behold, a band of prophets met him; and the
spirit of God came mightily upon him, and he
prophesied among them. And it came to pass, 11
when all that knew him beforetime saw that,
behold, he prophesied with the prophets, then
the people said one to another, What is this
that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul
also among the prophets? And one of the 12
same place answered and said, And who is their
father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is
Saul also among the prophets? And when he 13
had made an end of prophesying, he came to
the high place.

And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his 14
servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To
seek the asses: and when we saw that they
were not found, we came to Samuel. And 15
Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what
Samuel said unto you. And Saul said unto 16
his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were
found. But concerning the matter of the king-
dom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

And Samuel called the people together unto 17
the LORD to Mizpah; and he said unto the 18
children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD, the God
of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt,
and I delivered you out of the hand of the
Egyptians, and out of the hand of all the king-
doms that oppressed you: but ye have this 19
day rejected your God, who himself saveth you
out of all your calamities and your distresses;
and ye have said unto him, *Nay*, but set a king
over us. Now therefore present yourselves be-
fore the LORD by your tribes, and by your thou-
sands. So Samuel brought all the tribes of 20
Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken.
And he brought the tribe of Benjamin near by 21

their families, and the family of the Matrites was taken[1]: and Saul the son of Kish was taken; but when they sought him, he could not
22 be found. Therefore they asked of the LORD further, [2]Is there yet a man to come hither? And the LORD answered, Behold, he hath hid
23 himself among the stuff. And they ran and fetched him thence; and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the
24 people from his shoulders and upward. And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, [3]God save the king.
25 Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in [4]a book, and laid it up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all
26 the people away, every man to his house. And Saul also went to his house to Gibeah; and there went with him the [5]host, whose hearts
27 God had touched. But certain [6]sons of [7]Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no present. [8]But he held his peace.

**11** 1 Then Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against Jabesh-gilead: and all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash, Make a
2 covenant with us, and we will serve thee. And Nahash the Ammonite said unto them, On this condition will I make it with you, that all your right eyes be put out; and I will lay it for a
3 reproach upon all Israel. And the elders of Jabesh said unto him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the borders of Israel: and then, if there be none
4 to save us, we will come out to thee. Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and spake these words in the ears of the people:

[1] The Sept. adds, *and the family of the Matrites was brought near man by man.*
[2] Or, *Is the man yet come hither?*
[3] Heb. *Let the king live.*
[4] Or, *the*
[5] Or, men of *valour*
[6] Or, *base fellows*
[7] That is, *worthlessness.*
[8] Or, *But he was as though he had been deaf*
The Sept. has, *And it came to pass after about a month, that Nahash &c.*

and all the people lifted up their voice, and wept. And, behold, Saul came following the 5
oxen out of the field; and Saul said, What aileth the people that they weep? And they told him the words of the men of Jabesh. And 6
the spirit of God came mightily upon Saul when he heard those words, and his anger was kindled greatly. And he took a yoke of 7
oxen, and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the borders of Israel by the hand of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And [1]the dread of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out as one man. And he numbered them in Bezek; 8
and the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand. And they said unto the messengers that 9
came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, To-morrow, by the time the sun is hot, ye shall have deliverance. And the messengers came and told the men of Jabesh; and they were glad. Therefore the men of Jabesh 10
said, To-morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you. And it was so on the morrow, that 11
Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch, and smote the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together. And the people 12
said unto Samuel, Who is he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death. And Saul said, There 13
shall not a man be put to death this day: for to-day the LORD hath wrought [2]deliverance in Israel.

[1] Or, *a terror from the* LORD

[2] Heb. *salvation.*

14 Then said Samuel to the people, Come and
let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom
15 there. And all the people went to Gilgal; and
there they made Saul king before the LORD in
Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of
peace offerings before the LORD; and there
Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

**12** 1 And Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I
have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye
said unto me, and have made a king over you.
2 And now, behold, the king walketh before you:
and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my
sons are with you: and I have walked before
3 you from my youth unto this day. Here I
am: witness against me before the LORD, and
before his anointed: whose ox have I taken?
or whose ass have I taken? or whom have
I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of
whose hand have I taken a [1]ransom [2]to blind
mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it
4 you. And they said, Thou hast not defrauded
us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken
5 aught of any man's hand. And he said unto
them, The LORD is witness against you, and his
anointed is witness this day, that ye have not
found aught in my hand. And they said, He is
6 witness. And Samuel said unto the people, It
is the LORD that [3]appointed Moses and Aaron,
and that brought your fathers up out of the land
7 of Egypt. Now therefore stand still, that I
may plead with you before the LORD concerning
all the righteous acts of the LORD, which he
8 did to you and to your fathers. When Jacob
was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried
unto the LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and
Aaron, who brought forth your fathers out of
Egypt, and made them to dwell in this place.
9 But they forgat the LORD their God, and he

[1] Or, *bribe*
[2] Or, *that I should hide mine eyes at him*
The Sept. has, *even a pair of shoes? answer against me and I will &c.* See Ecclus. xlvi. 19.
[3] Or, *made*

sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them. And they cried 10
unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served the Baalim and the Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee. And the LORD sent Jerub- 11
baal, and [1]Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled in safety. And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the 12
children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay, but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD your God was your king. Now 13
therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have asked for: and, behold, the LORD hath set a king over you. If ye will fear 14
the LORD, and serve him, and hearken unto his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, [2]and both ye and also the king that reigneth over you be followers of the LORD your God, *well*: but if ye will not hearken 15
unto the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, [3]as it was against your fathers. Now therefore stand still 16
and see this great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes. Is it not wheat harvest 17
to-day? I will call unto the LORD, that he may send thunder and rain; and ye shall know and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king. So Samuel called unto the LORD; 18
and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel. And all the people said unto Samuel, 19

[1] Some ancient authorities read, *Barak*.

[2] Or, *then shall both ye...the LORD your God: but &c.*

[3] The Sept. has, *and against your king*.

Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our
20 sins *this* evil, to ask us a king. And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have indeed done all this evil: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with
21 all your heart; [1]and turn ye not aside: for *then should ye go* after vain things which can-
22 not profit nor deliver, for they are vain. For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you a people unto himself.
23 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will instruct you in the good and the right
24 way. Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how
25 great things he hath done for you. But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

[1] The Sept. has, *and turn ye not aside after the vanities which &c.*

**13** 1 Saul was [[2]*thirty*] years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years over Israel.
2 And Saul chose him three thousand men of Israel; whereof two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in the mount of Beth-el, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent
3 every man to his tent. And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that was in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let
4 the Hebrews hear. And all Israel heard say that Saul had smitten the garrison of the Philistines, and that Israel also was had in abomination with the Philistines. And the people were gathered together after Saul to Gilgal.
5 And the Philistines assembled themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand

[2] The Hebrew text has, *Saul was a year old.* The whole verse is omitted in the unrevised Sept., but in a later recension the number *thirty* is inserted.

chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea shore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward of Beth-aven. When the men 6
of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in
[1] Or, *holes* rocks, and in [1]holds, and in [2]pits. Now some of 7
[2] Or, *cisterns* the Hebrews had gone over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead; but as for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

And he tarried seven days, according to the 8
set time that Samuel *had appointed*: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. And Saul said, Bring hither 9
the burnt offering to me, and the peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering. And it came 10
to pass that, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might
[3] Or, *bless* [3]salute him. And Samuel said, What hast thou 11
done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines assembled themselves together at Michmash; therefore said I, Now will the 12
Philistines come down upon me to Gilgal, and I have not intreated the favour of the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered the burnt offering. And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast 13
done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the 14
LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath appointed him to be

prince over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.

15 And Samuel arose, and gat him up from Gilgal unto Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people that were present with
16 him, about six hundred men. And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people that were present with them, abode in Geba of Benjamin: but
17 the Philistines encamped in Michmash. And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned unto the way that leadeth to Ophrah, unto the
18 land of Shual: and another company turned the way to Beth-horon: and another company turned the way of the border that looketh down upon the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

19 Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears:
20 but all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his
21 coulter, and his axe, and his mattock; [1]yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes; and to set
22 the goads. So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and
23 with Jonathan his son was there found. And the garrison of the Philistines went out unto the pass of Michmash.

**14** 1 Now it fell upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that is on yonder side.
2 But he told not his father. And Saul abode in the uttermost part of Gibeah under the pomegranate tree which is in Migron: and the people

[1] Or, *when the edges of the mattocks... and of the axes were blunt* The Hebrew text is obscure.

that were with him were about six hundred
men; and Ahijah, the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's 3
brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the
priest of the LORD in Shiloh, wearing an ephod.
And the people knew not that Jonathan was
gone. And between the passes, by which 4
Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines'
garrison, there was a rocky crag on the one
side, and a rocky crag on the other side: and
the name of the one was Bozez, and the name
of the other Seneh. The one crag rose up on 5
the north in front of Michmash, and the other
on the south in front of Geba. And Jonathan 6
said to the young man that bare his armour,
Come and let us go over unto the garrison of
these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD
will work for us: for there is no restraint to the
LORD to save by many or by few. And his 7
armourbearer said unto him, Do all that is in
thine heart: turn thee, behold I am with thee
according to thy heart. Then said Jonathan, 8
Behold, we will pass over unto the men, and
we will discover ourselves unto them. If they 9
say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you;
then we will stand still in our place, and will
not go up unto them. But if they say thus, 10
Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the
LORD hath delivered them into our hand: and
this shall be the sign unto us. And both of 11
them discovered themselves unto the garrison
of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Be-
hold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes
where they had hid themselves. And the men 12
of the garrison answered Jonathan and his
armourbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we
will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said
unto his armourbearer, Come up after me: for
the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of

13 Israel. And Jonathan climbed up upon his
hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer
after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and
14 his armourbearer slew them after him. And that
first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armour-
bearer made, was about twenty men, within as
it were [1]half a furrow's length in an acre of land.
15 And there was a trembling in the camp, in the
field, and among all the people; the garrison,
and the spoilers, they also trembled: and the
earth quaked; so there was [2]an exceeding
16 great trembling. And the watchmen of Saul
in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the
multitude melted away, and they went *hither*
and thither.

17 Then said Saul unto the people that were
with him, Number now, and see who is gone
from us. And when they had numbered, be-
hold, Jonathan and his armourbearer were not
18 there. And Saul said unto Ahijah, [3]Bring hither
the ark of God. For the ark of God was *there*
19 at that time [4]with the children of Israel. And
it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the
priest, that the tumult that was in the camp of
the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul
said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand.
20 And Saul and all the people that were with him
were gathered together, and came to the battle:
and, behold, every man's sword was against his
fellow, *and there was* a very great discomfiture.
21 Now the Hebrews that were with the Philis-
tines as beforetime, which went up with them
[5]into the camp [6]*from the country* round about;
even they also *turned* to be with the Israelites
22 that were with Saul and Jonathan. Likewise
all the men of Israel which had hid themselves
in the hill country of Ephraim, when they heard
that the Philistines fled, even they also followed

[1] Or, *half an acre of land*

[2] Heb. *a trembling of God.*

[3] The Sept. has, *Bring hither the ephod. For he wore the ephod at that time before Israel.*

[4] Heb. *and.*

[5] Or, *in the camp, round about*

[6] The Sept. has, *they also turned to be &c.*

hard after them in the battle. So the LORD 23
saved Israel that day: and the battle passed
over by Beth-aven. And the men of Israel 24
were distressed that day: but Saul adjured
the people, saying, Cursed be the man that
eateth any food until it be evening, and I be
avenged on mine enemies. So none of the
people tasted food. And all [1]the people came 25
into the forest; and there was honey upon the
ground. And when the people were come unto 26
the forest, behold, [2]the honey dropped: but no
man put his hand to his mouth; for the people
feared the oath. But Jonathan heard not when 27
his father charged the people with the oath:
wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that
was in his hand, and dipped it in the honey-
comb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his
eyes were enlightened. Then answered one of 28
the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged
the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the
man that eateth food this day. And the people
were faint. Then said Jonathan, My father 29
hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how
mine eyes have been enlightened, because I
tasted a little of this honey. How much more, 30
if haply the people had eaten freely to-day of
the spoil of their enemies which they found?
[3]for now hath there been no great slaughter
among the Philistines. And they smote of 31
the Philistines that day from Michmash to
Aijalon: and the people were very faint. And 32
the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep,
and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the
ground: and the people did eat them with the
blood. Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, 33
the people sin against the LORD, in that they
eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have dealt
treacherously: roll a great stone unto me this

[1] Heb. *the land.*

[2] Or, *a stream of honey*

[3] Or, *for had there not been now a much greater slaughter &c.?*

34 day. And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among
the people, and say unto them, Bring me hither
every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and
slay them here, and eat; and sin not against
the LORD in eating with the blood. And all
the people brought every man his ox with him
35 that night, and slew them there. And Saul
built an altar unto the LORD: the same was the
first altar that he built unto the LORD.
36 And Saul said, Let us go down after the
Philistines by night, and spoil them until the
morning light, and let us not leave a man of
them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth
good unto thee. Then said the priest, Let us
37 draw near hither unto God. And Saul asked
counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philis-
tines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of
38 Israel? But he answered him not that day. And
Saul said, Draw nigh hither, all ye [1]chiefs of [1] Heb. *corners.*
the people: and know and see wherein this sin
39 hath been this day. For, as the LORD liveth,
which saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan
my son, he shall surely die. But there was not
a man among all the people that answered him.
40 Then said he unto all Israel, Be ye on one
side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the
other side. And the people said unto Saul, Do
41 what seemeth good unto thee. Therefore Saul
said unto the LORD, the God of Israel, [2]Shew the [2] Or, *Give a perfect lot*
right. And Jonathan and Saul were taken *by*
42 *lot*: but the people escaped. And Saul said,
Cast *lots* between me and Jonathan my son.
43 And Jonathan was taken. Then Saul said to
Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And
Jonathan told him, and said, I did certainly
taste a little honey with the end of the rod
that was in mine hand; and, lo, I must die.
44 And Saul said, God do so and more also: for

thou shalt surely die, Jonathan. And the peo- 45
ple said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who
hath wrought this great salvation in Israel?
God forbid: as the LORD liveth, there shall not
one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he
hath wrought with God this day. So the people
[1] Heb. *ransomed.* [1]rescued Jonathan, that he died not. Then Saul 46
went up from following the Philistines: and the
Philistines went to their own place.

Now when Saul had taken the kingdom over 47
Israel, he fought against all his enemies on
every side, against Moab, and against the child-
ren of Ammon, and against Edom, and against
the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines:
[2] Or, *he put* them *to the worse* The Sept. has, *he was victorious.* and whithersoever he turned himself, [2]he vexed
*them.* And he did valiantly, and smote the 48
Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the
hands of them that spoiled them.

Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and 49
Ishvi, and Malchi-shua: and the names of his
two daughters were these; the name of the first-
born Merab, and the name of the younger Michal:
and the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam the 50
daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of the
captain of his host was Abner the son of Ner,
[3] According to some ancient authorities, *And Kish the father of Saul and Ner... were the sons of Abiel.* Saul's uncle. [3]And Kish was the father of Saul; 51
and Ner the father of Abner was the son of
Abiel.

And there was sore war against the Philistines 52
all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any
mighty man, or any valiant man, he [4]took him
[4] Heb. *gathered.* unto him.

And Samuel said unto Saul, The LORD sent 1 **15**
me to anoint thee to be king over his people,
over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto
the voice of the words of the LORD. Thus 2
[5] Or, *will visit* saith the LORD of hosts, I [5]have marked that
which Amalek did to Israel, how he set himself

against him in the way, when he came up out
3 of Egypt. Now go and smite Amalek, and
[1]utterly destroy all that they have, and spare [1] Heb. *devote.*
them not; but slay both man and woman,
infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and
ass.
4 And Saul summoned the people, and num-
bered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand
5 footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah. And
Saul came to the city of Amalek, and [2]laid wait [2] Or, *strove*
6 in the valley. And Saul said unto the Kenites,
Go, depart, get you down from among the
Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for
ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel,
when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites
7 departed from among the Amalekites. And
Saul smote the Amalekites, from Havilah as
8 thou goest to Shur, that is before Egypt. And
he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive,
and utterly destroyed all the people with the
9 edge of the sword. But Saul and the people
spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of
the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs,
and all that was good, and would not [1]utterly
destroy them: but every thing that was vile and
refuse, that they destroyed utterly.
10 Then came the word of the LORD unto
11 Samuel, saying, It repenteth me that I have
set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back
from following me, and hath not performed my
commandments. And Samuel was wroth; and
12 he cried unto the LORD all night. And Samuel
rose early to meet Saul in the morning; and it
was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel,
and, behold, he set him up a [3]monument, and is [3] Heb. *hand.*
gone about, and passed on, and gone down to
13 Gilgal. And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul
said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I

have performed the commandment of the LORD.
And Samuel said, What meaneth then this 14
bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the low-
ing of the oxen which I hear? And Saul said, 15
They have brought them from the Amalekites:
for the people spared the best of the sheep and
of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God;
[1] Heb. *devoted.* and the rest we have [1]utterly destroyed. Then 16
Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell
thee what the LORD hath said to me this night.
And he said unto him, Say on. And Samuel 17
[2] Or, *Though thou be little ... art thou not head of the tribes of Israel?* said, [2]Though thou wast little in thine own sight,
wast thou not made the head of the tribes of
Israel? And the LORD anointed thee king
over Israel; and the LORD sent thee on a 18
journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the
sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them
until they be consumed. Wherefore then didst 19
thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but
didst fly upon the spoil, and didst that which
was evil in the sight of the LORD? And Saul 20
said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the
voice of the LORD, and have gone the way
which the LORD sent me, and have brought
Agag the king of Amalek, and have [1]utterly
destroyed the Amalekites. But the people 21
took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief
of the devoted things, to sacrifice unto the
LORD thy God in Gilgal. And Samuel said, 22
Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offer-
ings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice
of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than
sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.
[3] Heb. *divination.* [4] Or, *iniquity* [5] See Gen. xxxi. 19, 34. For rebellion is as the sin of [3]witchcraft, and 23
stubbornness is as [4]idolatry and [5]teraphim. Be-
cause thou hast rejected the word of the LORD,
he hath also rejected thee from being king.
And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: 24

for I have transgressed the commandment of
the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the
25 people, and obeyed their voice. Now there-
fore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again
26 with me, that I may worship the LORD. And
Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with
thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the
LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from
27 being king over Israel. And as Samuel turned
about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of
28 his robe, and it rent. And Samuel said unto
him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel
from thee this day, and hath given it to a
neighbour of thine, that is better than thou.
29 And also the [1]Strength of Israel will not lie nor [1] Or, *Victory* Or, *Glory*
repent: for he is not a man, that he should
30 repent. Then he said, I have sinned: yet
honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders
of my people, and before Israel, and turn again
with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.
31 So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul
worshipped the LORD.
32 Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me
Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag
came unto him [2]delicately. And Agag said, [2] Or, *cheerfully*
33 Surely the bitterness of death is past. And
Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women
childless, so shall thy mother be childless among
women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces
before the LORD in Gilgal.
34 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul
35 went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul. And
Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day
of his death; [3]for Samuel mourned for Saul: [3] Or, *but*
and the LORD repented that he had made Saul
king over Israel.

**16** 1 And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long
wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected

him from being king over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. 2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD. 3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee. 4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, Comest thou peaceably? 5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. 6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on [1]Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed is before him. 7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have rejected him: for *the* LORD *seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. 9 Then Jesse made [2]Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. 10 And Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these. 11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit [3]down till he come hither. 12 And he sent, and

[1] In 1 Chr. xxvii. 18, *Elihu.*

[2] In 2 Sam. xiii. 3, *Shimeah.* In 1 Chr. ii. 13, *Shimea.*

[3] Heb. *around.*

brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal
[1]of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look upon. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him:
13 for this is he. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.
14 Now the spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD
15 [2]troubled him. And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God
16 troubleth thee. Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man who is a cunning player on the harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with
17 his hand, and thou shalt be well. And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man
18 that can play well, and bring him to me. Then answered one of the young men, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty man of valour, and a man of war, and [3]prudent in [4]speech, and a comely person, and
19 the LORD is with him. Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy
20 son, which is with the sheep. And Jesse took an ass *laden* with bread, and a [5]bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them by David his son unto
21 Saul. And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he
22 became his armourbearer. And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight.
23 And it came to pass, when the *evil* spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took the harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was re-

[1] Heb. *fair of eyes.*

[2] Or, *terrified*

[3] Or, *skilful*

[4] Or, *business*

[5] Or, *skin*

freshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

17 Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and they were gathered together at Socoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim. And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched in the vale of [1]Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them. And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was clad with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass. And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a [2]javelin of brass between his shoulders. And the [3]staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron: and his shield-bearer went before him. And he stood and cried unto the [4]armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. If he be able to fight with me, and kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us. And the Philistine said, I [5]defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. And when Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

[6]Now David was the son of that Ephrathite

[1] Or, *the terebinth*

[2] The Sept. and Vulgate have, *target*.
[3] Or, according to another reading, *blade*
[4] Heb. *ranks*, and in vv. 10, 21, 22, 26, &c.

[5] Or, *reproach*

[6] The Sept. omits vv. 12—31 and 55—ch. xviii. 5.

of Beth-lehem-judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man was an old man in the days of Saul, stricken *in years*
13 among men. And the three eldest sons of Jesse had gone after Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next unto
14 him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. And David was the youngest: and the three eldest
15 followed Saul. Now David went to and fro from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Beth-
16 lehem. And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.
17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and carry *them* quickly
18 to the camp to thy brethren; and bring these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their
19 pledge. Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, [1]were in the vale of Elah, fighting
20 with the Philistines. And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the [2]place of the wagons, as the host which was going forth to the [3]fight
21 shouted for the battle. And Israel and the Philistines put the battle in array, army against
22 army. And David left his baggage in the hand of the keeper of the baggage, and ran to the army, and came and saluted his brethren.
23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words:
24 and David heard them. And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him,
25 and were sore afraid. And the men of Israel

[1] Or, *are*

[2] Or, *barricade*
[3] Or, *battle ground*

said, Have ye seen this man that is come up?
[1] Or, *reproach* surely to [1]defy Israel is he come up: and it
shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king
will enrich him with great riches, and will give
him his daughter, and make his father's house
free in Israel. And David spake to the men 26
that stood by him, saying, What shall be done
to the man that killeth this Philistine, and
taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who
is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should
[1]defy the armies of the living God? And 27
the people answered him after this manner,
saying, So shall it be done to the man that
killeth him. And Eliab his eldest brother 28
heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's
anger was kindled against David, and he said,
Why art thou come down? and with whom
hast thou left those few sheep in the wilder-
ness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness
of thine heart; for thou art come down that
thou mightest see the battle. And David said, 29
[2] Or, *Was it not* but *a word?* What have I now done? [2]Is there not a cause?
And he turned away from him toward another, 30
and spake after the same manner: and the peo-
ple answered him again after the former manner.
And when the words were heard which David 31
spake, they rehearsed them before Saul; and
he sent for him. And David said to Saul, Let 32
[3] Or, *within him* no man's heart fail [3]because of him; thy servant
will go and fight with this Philistine. And 33
Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go
against this Philistine to fight with him: for
thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from
his youth. And David said unto Saul, Thy 34
[4] Or, *and there came a lion and a bear... and I went out &c.* servant kept his father's sheep; [4]and when
there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb
out of the flock, I went out after him, and smote 35
him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and

when he arose against me, I caught him by
36 his beard, and smote him, and slew him. Thy
servant smote both the lion and the bear: and
this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one
of them, seeing he hath [1]defied the armies of [1] Or, *reproached*
37 the living God. And David said, The LORD
that delivered me out of the paw of the lion,
and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver
me out of the hand of this Philistine. And
Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD shall
38 be with thee. And Saul clad David with his
apparel, and he put an helmet of brass upon
his head, and he clad him with a coat of mail.
39 And David girded his sword upon his apparel,
and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it.
And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with
these; for I have not proved them. And Da-
40 vid put them off him. And he took his staff in
his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out
of the [2]brook, and put them in the shepherd's [2] Or, *torrent bed*
bag which he had, even in his scrip; and his
sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the
41 Philistine. And the Philistine came on and
drew near unto David; and the man that bare
42 the shield went before him. And when the
Philistine looked about, and saw David, he dis-
dained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy,
43 and withal of a fair countenance. And the
Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that
thou comest to me with staves? And the
44 Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the
Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I
will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and
45 to the beasts of the field. Then said David to
the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword,
and with a spear, and with a javelin: but I
come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts,
the God of the armies of Israel, which thou hast

[1] Or, *reproached*

[1]defied. This day will the LORD deliver thee 46
into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take
thine head from off thee; and I will give the
carcases of the host of the Philistines this day
unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts
of the earth; that all the earth may know that
there is a God in Israel: and that all this 47
assembly may know that the LORD saveth not
with sword and spear: for the battle is the
LORD'S, and he will give you into our hand.
And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, 48
and came and drew nigh to meet David, that
David hastened, and ran toward the army to
meet the Philistine. And David put his hand 49
in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang
it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead;
and the stone sank into his forehead, and he
fell upon his face to the earth. So David pre- 50
vailed over the Philistine with a sling and with
a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him;
but there was no sword in the hand of David.
Then David ran, and stood over the Philistine, 51
and took his sword, and drew it out of the
sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his
head therewith. And when the Philistines saw
[2] Or, *mighty man* that their [2]champion was dead, they fled. And 52
the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and
shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou
[3] The Sept. has, *Gath.* comest to [3]Gai, and to the gates of Ekron.
And the wounded of the Philistines fell down
[4] Or, *the two gates* by the way to [4]Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and
unto Ekron. And the children of Israel re- 53
turned from chasing after the Philistines, and
they spoiled their camp. And David took the 54
head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jeru-
salem; but he put his armour in his tent.

And when Saul saw David go forth against 55
the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain

of the host, Abner, whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I
56 cannot tell. And the king said, Inquire thou
57 whose son the stripling is. And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.
58 And Saul said to him, Whose son art thou, thou young man? And David answered, I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Beth-lehemite.
**18** 1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan
2 loved him as his own soul. And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more
3 home to his father's house. Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved
4 him as his own soul. And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his apparel, even to his sword,
5 and to his bow, and to his girdle. And David [1]went out whithersoever Saul sent him, *and* [2]behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and it was good in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

[1] Or, *went out; whithersoever Saul sent him, he &c.*
[2] Or, *prospered*

6 And it came to pass as they came, when David returned from the slaughter of the [3]Philistine, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with timbrels, with joy, and with [4]instruments of
7 music. And the women [5]sang one to another in their play, and said,

Saul hath slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands.

[3] Or, *Philistines*
[4] Or, *triangles* Or, *three-stringed instruments*
[5] Or, *answered one another*

8 And Saul was very wroth, and this saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have

ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom? And Saul eyed David 9
from that day and forward.

And it came to pass on the morrow, that an 10
evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul,
[1] Or, *raved* and he [1]prophesied in the midst of the house:
and David played with his hand, as he did day
by day: and Saul had his spear in his hand.
And Saul cast the spear; for he said, I will 11
smite David even to the wall. And David
avoided out of his presence twice. And Saul 12
was afraid of David, because the LORD was
with him, and was departed from Saul. There- 13
fore Saul removed him from him, and made
him his captain over a thousand; and he went
out and came in before the people. And David 14
[2] Or, *prospered* [2]behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and
the LORD was with him. And when Saul saw that 15
he behaved himself very wisely, he stood in awe
of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David; 16
for he went out and came in before them.

And Saul said to David, Behold, my elder 17
daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife:
only be thou valiant for me, and fight the
LORD's battles. For Saul said, Let not mine
hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philis-
tines be upon him. And David said unto Saul, 18
[3] Or, *who are my kinsfolk* Who am I, and [3]what is my life, *or* my father's
family in Israel, that I should be son in law to
the king? But it came to pass at the time 19
when Merab Saul's daughter should have been
given to David, that she was given unto Adriel
the Meholathite to wife. And Michal Saul's 20
daughter loved David: and they told Saul,
and the thing pleased him. And Saul said, I 21
will give him her, that she may be a snare to
him, and that the hand of the Philistines may
be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David,

Thou shalt this day be my son in law a second
22 time. And Saul commanded his servants, *saying,* Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's
23 son in law. And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you a light thing to be the king's son in law, seeing that I am a poor man, and
24 lightly esteemed? And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spake David.
25 And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. Now Saul thought to make
26 David fall by the hand of the Philistines. And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law.
27 And the days were not expired; and David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his
28 daughter to wife. And Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David; and Michal Saul's
29 daughter loved him. And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul was David's enemy continually.

30 Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, as often as they went forth, that David [1]behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much [2]set by.

[1] Or, *prospered more than*
[2] Heb. *precious.*

**19** 1 And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should slay David. But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David.
2 And Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my

father seeketh to slay thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself in the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself: and I will go out and stand beside my father in 3
the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and if I see aught, I will tell thee. And Jonathan spake good of 4
David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good: for he put his life in his 5
hand, and smote the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great [1]victory for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause? And Saul hearkened unto 6
the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the LORD liveth, he shall not be put to death. And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan 7
shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as beforetime.

And there was war again: and David went 8
out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled before him. And [2]an evil spirit from the LORD 9
was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand; and David played with his hand. And Saul sought to smite David even 10
to the wall with the spear; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the spear into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night. And Saul sent messengers unto David's 11
house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to-night, to-morrow thou shalt be slain. So Michal let 12

[1] Heb. *salvation.*

[2] Or, *the spirit of the* LORD *was evil toward Saul*

David down through the window: and he went,
13 and fled, and escaped. And Michal took the
teraphim, and laid it in the bed, and put a [1]pillow
of goats' *hair* at the head thereof, and covered
14 it with the clothes. And when Saul sent mes-
15 sengers to take David, she said, He is sick. And
Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying,
Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay
16 him. And when the messengers came in, be-
hold, the teraphim was in the bed, with the
17 [1]pillow of goats' *hair* at the head thereof. And
Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou de-
ceived me thus, and let mine enemy go, that he
is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He
said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill
thee?

18 Now David fled, and escaped, and came to
Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul
had done to him. And he and Samuel went
19 and dwelt in Naioth. And it was told Saul,
saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah.
20 And Saul sent messengers to take David: and
when they saw the company of the prophets pro-
phesying, and Samuel standing as head over
them, the spirit of God came upon the mes-
21 sengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. And
when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers,
and they also prophesied. And Saul sent
messengers again the third time, and they
22 also prophesied. Then went he also to Ramah,
and came to [2]the great [3]well that is in Secu:
and he asked and said, Where are Samuel
and David? And one said, Behold, they be
23 at Naioth in Ramah. And he went thither to
Naioth in Ramah: and the spirit of God came
upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied,
24 until he came to Naioth in Ramah. And he
also stripped off his clothes, and he also pro-

[1] Or, *quilt* Or, *network*

[2] The Sept. has, *the well of the threshing-floor that is &c.*

[3] Or, *cistern*

[1] Or, *fell*

phesied before Samuel, and [1]lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and 1 **20**
came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life? And he said unto him, God forbid; thou shalt 2
not die: behold, my father doeth nothing either great or small, but that he [2]discloseth it unto me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so. And David sware more- 3
over, and said, Thy father knoweth well that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death. Then said Jonathan unto David, [3]What- 4
soever thy soul [4]desireth, I will even do it for thee. And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, 5
to-morrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even. If thy father miss me at 6
all, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Beth-lehem his city: for it is the yearly sacrifice there for all the family. If he say thus, It is well; thy servant shall 7
have peace: but if he be wroth, then know that evil is determined by him. Therefore deal 8
kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the LORD with thee: but if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldest thou bring me to thy father? And Jonathan said, Far be it from 9
thee: for if I should at all know that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee? Then said David 10

[2] Heb. *uncovereth mine ear.*

[3] Or, *What doth thy soul desire, that I should do it for thee?*

[4] Heb. *saith.*

to Jonathan, Who shall tell me if perchance
11 thy father answer thee roughly? And Jonathan
said unto David, Come and let us go out into
the field. And they went out both of them into
the field.
12 And Jonathan said unto David, The LORD,
the God of Israel, *be witness*; when I have
sounded my father about this time to-morrow,
*or* the third day, behold, if there be good toward
David, shall I not then send unto thee, and
13 disclose it unto thee? The LORD do so to
Jonathan, and more also, should it please my
father to do thee evil, if I disclose it not unto
thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go
in peace: and the LORD be with thee, as he
14 hath been with my father. And thou shalt not
only while yet I live shew me the kindness of
15 the LORD, that I die not: but also thou shalt
not cut off thy kindness from my house for
ever: no, not when the LORD hath cut off the
enemies of David every one from the face of
16 the earth. So Jonathan made a covenant with
the house of David, *saying*, And the LORD
shall require it at the hand of David's enemies.
17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again,
[1]for the love that he had to him: for he loved
18 him as he loved his own soul. Then Jonathan
said unto him, To-morrow is the new moon:
and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will
19 be [2]empty. And when thou hast stayed three
days, thou shalt go down [3]quickly, and come to
the place where thou didst hide thyself [4]when the
business was in hand, and shalt remain by [5]the
20 stone Ezel. And I will shoot three arrows on
the side thereof, as though I shot at a mark.
21 And, behold, I will send the lad, *saying*, Go,
find the arrows. If I say unto the lad, Behold,
the arrows are on this side of thee: take [6]them,

[1] Or, *by his love toward him*

[2] Heb. *missed*.

[3] Heb. *greatly*.

[4] Heb. *in the day of the business*. See ch. xix. 2.

[5] Or, as read by the Sept., *this mound*.

[6] Or, *him*

and come; for there is peace to thee and [1]no hurt, as the LORD liveth. But if I say thus 22
unto the boy, Behold, the arrows are beyond
thee: go thy way; for the LORD hath sent thee
away. And as touching the matter which thou 23
and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD is
between thee and me for ever.

So David hid himself in the field: and when 24
the new moon was come, the king sat him down
to eat meat. And the king sat upon his seat, as 25
at other times, even upon the seat by the wall;
and Jonathan stood up, and Abner sat by Saul's
side: but David's place was empty. Never- 26
theless Saul spake not any thing that day: for
he thought, Something hath befallen him, he is
not clean; surely he is not clean. And it came 27
to pass on the morrow after the new moon,
*which was* the second *day*, that David's place
was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his
son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse
to meat, neither yesterday, nor to-day? And 28
Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked
leave of me to go to Beth-lehem: and he said, 29
Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a
sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath
commanded me *to be there*: and now, if I have
found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I
pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he
is not come unto the king's table. Then Saul's 30
anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he
said unto him, Thou son of a perverse rebellious
woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen
the son of Jesse to thine own shame, and unto
the shame of thy mother's nakedness? For as 31
long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground,
thou shalt not be stablished, nor thy kingdom.
Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me,
for he [2]shall surely die. And Jonathan answered 32

[1] Heb. *not* any *thing.*

[2] Or, *is worthy to die* Heb. *is a son of death.*

Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore should he be put to death? what hath he done?
33 And Saul cast his spear at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined
34 of his father to put David to death. So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

35 And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field [1]at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.
36 And he said unto his lad, Run, find now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran,
37 he shot an arrow [2]beyond him. And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad,
38 and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee? And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the
39 arrows, and came to his master. But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David
40 knew the matter. And Jonathan gave his weapons unto his lad, and said unto him, Go,
41 carry them to the city. And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose [3]out of *a place* toward the South, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until
42 David exceeded. And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD shall be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed, for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

**21** 1 Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech came to meet David

[1] Or, *to the place*

[2] Heb. *making it pass over him.*

[3] Heb. *from beside the South.* Or, as read by the Sept., *from beside the mound.*

[Ch. xxi. 1 in Heb.]

trembling, and said unto him, Why art thou alone,
and no man with thee? And David said unto 2
Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded
me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no
man know any thing of the business whereabout
I send thee, and what I have commanded thee:
and I have appointed the young men to such
and such a place. Now therefore what is under 3
thine hand? give me five loaves of bread in
mine hand, or whatsoever there is present.
And the priest answered David, and said, There 4
is no common bread under mine hand, but there
is holy bread; if only the young men have kept
themselves from women. And David answered 5
the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women
have been kept from us about these three days;
when I came out, the vessels of the young
men were holy, [1]though it was but a common
journey; how much more then to-day shall
their vessels be holy? So the priest gave him 6
holy *bread*: for there was no bread there but
the shewbread, that was taken from before the
LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was
taken away. Now a certain man of the servants 7
of Saul was there that day, detained before the
LORD; and his name was Doeg the Edomite,
the [2]chiefest of the herdmen that belonged to
Saul. And David said unto Ahimelech, And is 8
there not here under thine hand spear or sword?
for I have neither brought my sword nor my
weapons with me, because the king's business
required haste. And the priest said, The sword 9
of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in
the vale of [3]Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in
a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that,
take it: for there is no other save that here.
And David said, There is none like that; give
it me.

[1] Or, *and it may be used as common* bread; *and especially since to-day it will be holy in respect of their vessels.*

[2] Or, *mightiest*

[3] Or, *the terebinth*

10 And David arose, and fled that day for fear
of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.
11 And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is
not this David the king of the land? did they
not sing one to another of him in dances, saying,

Saul hath slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands?

12 And David laid up these words in his heart,
and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.
13 And he changed his behaviour before them,
and feigned himself mad in their hands, and
[1]scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his
14 spittle fall down upon his beard. Then said
Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man
is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him
15 to me? Do I lack mad men, that ye have
brought this fellow to play the mad man in my
presence? shall this fellow come into my house?
**22** 1 David therefore departed thence, and escaped
to the cave of Adullam: and when his brethren
and all his father's house heard it, they went
2 down thither to him. And every one that was
in distress, and every one that was in debt, and
every one that was [2]discontented, gathered them-
selves unto him; and he became captain over
them: and there were with him about four
hundred men.
3 And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab:
and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my
father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth,
*and be* with you, till I know what God will do
4 for me. And he brought them before the king
of Moab: and they dwelt with him all the while
5 that David was in the hold. And the prophet
Gad said unto David, Abide not in the hold;
depart, and get thee into the land of Judah.
Then David departed, and came into the forest
of Hereth.

[1] Or, *made marks*

[2] Heb. *bitter of soul.*

And Saul heard that David was discovered, 6
and the men that were with him: now Saul was
[1] Or, *on the height* sitting in Gibeah, under the tamarisk tree [1]in
Ramah, with his spear in his hand, and all his
servants were standing about him. And Saul 7
said unto his servants that stood about him,
Hear now, ye Benjamites; will the son of Jesse
give every one of you fields and vineyards, will
he make you all captains of thousands and
captains of hundreds; that all of you have con- 8
[2] Or, *there was none that disclosed it to me when my son made &c.* spired against me, and [2]there is none that dis-
closeth to me when my son maketh a league
with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you
that is sorry for me, or discloseth unto me that
my son hath stirred up my servant against me,
to lie in wait, as at this day? Then answered 9
[3] Or, *was set over* Doeg the Edomite, which [3]stood by the servants
of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming
to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. And 10
he inquired of the LORD for him, and gave him
victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath
the Philistine. Then the king sent to call 11
Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and
all his father's house, the priests that were in
Nob: and they came all of them to the king.
And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of Ahitub. 12
And he answered, Here I am, my lord. And 13
Saul said unto him, Why have ye conspired
against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that
thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and
hast inquired of God for him, that he should
rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?
Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, 14
And who among all thy servants is so faithful
as David, which is the king's son in law, and
is taken into thy council, and is honourable in
thine house? Have I to-day begun to inquire 15
of God for him? be it far from me: let not the

king impute any thing unto his servant, nor to all the house of my father: for thy servant
16 knoweth nothing of all this, less or more. And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech,
17 thou, and all thy father's house. And the king said unto the [1]guard that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of the LORD; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew that he fled, and did not disclose it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the LORD.
18 And the king said to Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and he slew on that day fourscore and five persons
19 that did wear a linen ephod. And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen and asses and sheep, with
20 the edge of the sword. And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar,
21 escaped, and fled after David. And Abiathar told David that Saul had slain the LORD's
22 priests. And David said unto Abiathar, I knew on that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul: I have occasioned *the death* of all the persons of thy
23 father's house. Abide thou with me, fear not; for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: for with me thou shalt be in safeguard.

[1] Heb. *runners.*

**23** 1 And they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah, and they
2 rob the threshing-floors. Therefore David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and
3 save Keilah. And David's men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much

more then if we go to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines? Then David inquired of 4
the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand. And David and his men went to Keilah, and 5
fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and slew them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son 6
of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, that he came down with an ephod in his hand. And 7
it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul said, God hath [1]delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars. And Saul 8
summoned all the people to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men. And 9
David knew that Saul devised mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod. Then said David, O LORD, 10
the God of Israel, thy servant hath surely heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake. Will the men of Keilah 11
deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD, the God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down. Then said David, Will the men of 12
Keilah deliver up me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will deliver thee up. Then David and his men, 13
which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbare to go forth.

And David abode in the wilderness in the 14

[1] Heb. *alienated him.* The Sept. has, *sold.*

strong holds, and remained in the hill country in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his
15 hand. And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David was in the
16 wilderness of Ziph in [1]the wood. And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into [1]the
17 wood, and strengthened his hand in God. And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father know-
18 eth. And they two made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in [1]the wood, and
19 Jonathan went to his house. Then came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself with us in the strong holds in [1]the wood, in the hill of Hachilah,
20 which is on the south of [2]the desert? Now therefore, O king, come down, according to all the desire of thy soul to come down; and our part shall be to deliver him up into the king's
21 hand. And Saul said, Blessed be ye of the LORD; for ye have had compassion on me.
22 Go, I pray you, make yet more sure, and know and see his place where his [3]haunt is, *and* who hath seen him there: for it is told me that he
23 dealeth very subtilly. See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me [4]of a certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out among all the [5]thousands of
24 Judah. And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the [6]Arabah on the south
25 of [2]the desert. And Saul and his men went to seek him. And they told David: wherefore he

[1] Or, *Horesh*

[2] Or, *Jeshimon*

[3] Heb. *foot.*

[4] Or, *with the certainty* Or, *to a set place*

[5] Or, *families*

[6] See Deut. i. 1.

came down to the rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard *that*, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon.
And Saul went on this side of the mountain, 26
and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them. But there came a messenger unto Saul, 27
saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have made a raid upon the land. So Saul 28
returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called
that place [1]Sela-hammahlekoth. And David 29
went up from thence, and dwelt in the strong holds of En-gedi.

[1] That is, *The rock of divisions* or *escape.*

[Ch. xxiv. 1 in Heb.]

And it came to pass, when Saul was returned 1 **24**
from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of En-gedi. Then Saul took three thousand 2
chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats. And he came to the sheepcotes by 3
the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet. Now David and his men
were [2]abiding in the innermost parts of the cave.
And the men of David said unto him, Behold, 4
the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, and thou shalt do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the
skirt of Saul's robe privily. And it came to 5
pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt. And he 6
said unto his men, The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my lord, the LORD'S anointed, to put forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the LORD'S anointed. So David 7

[2] Or, *sitting*

checked his men with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. And Saul rose
8 up out of the cave, and went on his way. David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the earth, and did obeisance.
9 And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearkenest thou to men's words, saying, Behold, David
10 seeketh thy hurt? Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to-day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but *mine eye* spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the LORD'S anointed.
11 Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee, though thou [1]huntest after my
12 soul to take it. The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee:
13 but mine hand shall not be upon thee. As saith the proverb of the ancients, Out of the wicked cometh forth wickedness: but mine
14 hand shall not be upon thee. After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea.
15 The LORD therefore be judge, and give sentence between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and [2]deliver me out of thine hand.
16 And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, Is this thy voice, my son David?
17 And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept. And he said to David, Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rendered unto me good, whereas

[1] Or, *layest wait for*

[2] Heb. *give sentence for me.*

I have rendered unto thee evil. And thou hast 18
declared this day how that thou hast dealt well
with me: forasmuch as when the LORD had de-
livered me up into thine hand, thou killedst me
not. For if a man find his enemy, will he let 19
him go well away? wherefore the LORD reward
thee good for that thou hast done unto me this
day. And now, behold, I know that thou shalt 20
surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel
shall be established in thine hand. Swear now 21
therefore unto me by the LORD, that thou wilt
not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt
not destroy my name out of my father's house.
And David sware unto Saul. And Saul went 22
home; but David and his men gat them up
unto the hold.

And Samuel died; and all Israel gathered 1 **25**
themselves together, and lamented him, and
buried him in his house at Ramah. And
David arose, and went down to the wilderness
of Paran.

[1] Or, *business was*

And there was a man in Maon, whose [1]pos- 2
sessions were in Carmel; and the man was
very great, and he had three thousand sheep,
and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his
sheep in Carmel. Now the name of the man was 3
Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and
the woman was of good understanding, and of a
beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish
and evil in his doings; and he was of the house
of Caleb. And David heard in the wilderness 4
that Nabal did shear his sheep. And David sent 5
ten young men, and David said unto the young
men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal,
and greet him in my name: and [2]thus shall ye 6
say [3]to him that liveth *in prosperity*, Peace be
both unto thee, and peace be to thine house,
and peace be unto all that thou hast. And now 7

[2] Or, *thus shall ye say, All hail! and peace be unto thee &c.*

[3] The Vulgate has, *to my brethren.*

I have heard that thou hast shearers: thy shepherds have now been with us, and we [1]did them
no hurt, neither was there aught missing unto
8 them, all the while they were in Carmel. Ask
thy young men, and they will tell thee: wherefore let the young men find favour in thine
eyes; for we come in a good day: give, I pray
thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand, unto
9 thy servants, and to thy son David. And when
David's young men came, they spake to Nabal
according to all those words in the name of Da-
10 vid, and [2]ceased. And Nabal answered David's
servants, and said, Who is David? and who is
the son of Jesse? there be many servants now
a days that break away every man from his
11 master. Shall I then take my bread, and my
water, and my [3]flesh that I have killed for my
shearers, and give it unto men of whom I know
12 not whence they be? So David's young men
turned on their way, and went back, and came
13 and told him according to all these words. And
David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man
his sword. And they girded on every man his
sword; and David also girded on his sword:
and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.
14 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's
wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers
out of the wilderness to [4]salute our master; and
15 he [5]flew upon them. But the men were very
good unto us, and we were not [6]hurt, neither
missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields:
16 they were a wall unto us both by night and by
day, all the while we were with them keeping
17 the sheep. Now therefore know and consider
what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against
our master, and against all his house: for he is

[1] Heb. *put them not to shame.*

[2] Or, *remained quiet*

[3] Heb. *slaughter.*

[4] Heb. *bless.*

[5] Or, *railed on*

[6] Heb. *put to shame.*

such a [1]son of [2]Belial, that one cannot speak to him. Then Abigail made haste, and took two 18
hundred loaves, and two [3]bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses. And she said unto her young men, 19
Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal. And it 20
was so, as she rode on her ass, and came down by the covert of the mountain, that, behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them. Now David had said, 21
Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him: and he hath returned me evil for good. God do so 22
[4]unto the enemies of David, and more also, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light [5]so much as one man child. And when 23
Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off her ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground. And she fell 24
at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me be the iniquity: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine ears, and hear thou the words of thine handmaid. Let not my lord, 25
I pray thee, regard this [1]man of [2]Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; [6]Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send. Now therefore, my 26
lord, as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee [7]from bloodguiltiness, and from [8]avenging thyself with thine own hand, now therefore let thine enemies, and them that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal. And now this [9]present which thy 27

[1] Or, *base fellow*
[2] That is, *worthlessness.*
[3] Or, *skins*
[4] The Sept. has, *unto David.*
[5] Heb. *any that pisseth against the wall.*
[6] That is, *Fool.*
[7] Heb. *from coming into blood.*
[8] Heb. *thine own hand saving thee.*
[9] Heb. *blessing.*

servant hath brought unto my lord, let it be given unto the young men that follow my lord.
28 Forgive, I pray thee, the trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD; and evil shall not be
29 found in thee all thy days. And though man be risen up to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul, yet the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of [1]life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out,
30 as from the hollow of a sling. And it shall come to pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have
31 appointed thee prince over Israel; that this shall be no [2]grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, [3]either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: and when the LORD shall have dealt well with
32 my lord, then remember thine handmaid. And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, which sent thee this day to
33 meet me: and blessed be thy [4]wisdom, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from bloodguiltiness, and from avenging myself
34 with mine own hand. For in very deed, as the LORD, the God of Israel, liveth, which hath withholden me from hurting thee, except thou hadst hasted and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning
35 light so much as one man child. So David received of her hand that which she had brought him: and he said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy
36 voice, and have accepted thy person. And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king;

[1] Or, *the living*

[2] Heb. cause of *staggering*.
[3] Or, *so that thou shouldest shed &c.*

[4] Or, *discretion*

and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light. And it came to pass in the morning, when the 37
wine was gone out of Nabal, that his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him, and he became as a stone. And it came to 38
pass about ten days after, that the LORD smote Nabal, that he died. And when David heard 39
that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept back his servant from evil: and the evil-doing of Nabal hath the LORD returned upon his own head. And David sent and [1]spake concerning
[1] See Cant. viii. 8.
Abigail, to take her to him to wife. And when 40
the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David hath sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife. And she arose, and bowed herself with 41
her face to the earth, and said, Behold, thine handmaid is a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord. And Abigail hasted, and 42
arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that followed her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife. David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they 43
became both of them his wives. Now Saul 44
had given Michal his daughter, David's wife,
[2] In 2 Sam. iii. 15, *Paltiel.*
to [2]Palti the son of Laish, which was of Gallim.

And the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, 1 **26**
saying, Doth not David hide himself in the hill
[3] Or, *Jeshimon* See ch. xxiii. 19.
of Hachilah, which is before [3]the desert? Then 2
Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachi- 3
lah, which is before [3]the desert, by the way.

But David abode in the wilderness, and he saw
that Saul came after him into the wilderness.
4 David therefore sent out spies, and understood
5 that Saul was come [1]of a certainty. And David
arose, and came to the place where Saul had
pitched: and David beheld the place where
Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain
of his host: and Saul lay within the [2]place of
the wagons, and the people pitched round about
6 him. Then answered David and said to Ahi-
melech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of
Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go
down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai
7 said, I will go down with thee. So David and
Abishai came to the people by night: and,
behold, Saul lay sleeping within the [2]place of the
wagons, with his spear stuck in the ground at
his head: and Abner and the people lay round
8 about him. Then said Abishai to David, God
hath delivered up thine enemy into thine hand
this day: now therefore let me smite him, I
pray thee, with the spear to the earth at one
stroke, and I will not smite him the second
9 time. And David said to Abishai, Destroy him
not: for who can put forth his hand against the
10 LORD'S anointed, and be guiltless? And David
said, As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite
him; [3]or his day shall come to die; or he shall
11 go down into battle, and perish. The LORD
forbid that I should put forth mine hand against
the LORD'S anointed: but now take, I pray
thee, the spear that is at his head, and the cruse
12 of water, and let us go. So David took the
spear and the cruse of water from Saul's head;
and they gat them away, and no man saw it,
nor knew it, neither did any awake: for they
were all asleep; because a deep sleep from the
13 LORD was fallen upon them. Then David went

[1] Or, *to a set place* See ch. xxiii. 23.

[2] Or, *barricade*

[3] Or, *either*

over to the other side, and stood on the top of the mountain afar off; a great space being between them: and David cried to the people, and 14
to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Abner? Then Abner answered and said, Who art thou that criest to the king? And 15
David said to Abner, Art not thou a *valiant* man? and who is like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept watch over thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord. This thing is 16
not good that thou hast done. As the LORD liveth, ye are [1]worthy to die, because ye have not kept watch over your lord, the LORD'S anointed. And now, see, where the king's spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his head. And Saul knew David's voice, and said, 17
Is this thy voice, my son David? And David said, It is my voice, my lord, O king. And he 18
said, Wherefore doth my lord pursue after his servant? for what have I done? or what evil is in mine hand? Now therefore, I pray thee, 19
let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If it be the LORD that hath stirred thee up against me, let him [2]accept an offering: but if it be the children of men, cursed be they before the LORD; for they have driven me out this day that I should [3]not cleave unto the inheritance of the LORD, saying, Go, serve other gods. Now therefore, let not my blood fall to 20
the earth away from the presence of the LORD: for the king of Israel is come out to seek [4]a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains. Then said Saul, I have sinned: re- 21
turn, my son David: for I will no more do thee harm, because my life was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly. And David answered 22

[1] Heb. *sons of death.*

[2] Heb. *smell.*

[3] Or, *have no share in*

[4] The Sept. has, *my life.*

and said, Behold [1]the spear, O king! let then one of the young men come over and fetch it.
23 And the LORD shall render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness: forasmuch as the LORD delivered thee into my hand to-day, and I would not put forth mine hand
24 against the LORD'S anointed. And, behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, so let my life be much set by in the eyes of the LORD, and let him deliver me out of all tribula-
25 tion. Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do mightily, and shalt surely prevail. So David went his way, and Saul returned to his place.

**27** 1 And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in all the borders of Israel: so shall I escape out of his
2 hand. And David arose, and passed over, he and the six hundred men that were with him, unto Achish the son of Maoch, king of Gath.
3 And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, even David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's
4 wife. And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.
5 And David said unto Achish, If now I have found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in one of the cities in the [2]country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant
6 dwell in the royal city with thee? Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day.
7 And the number of the days that David

[1] Another reading is, *the king's spear*.

[2] Heb. *field*.

[1] Heb. *field.*

dwelt in the [1]country of the Philistines was a full year and four months. And David and his men went up, and made a raid upon the Geshurites, and the [2]Girzites, and the Amalekites: for those *nations* were the inhabitants of the land, [3]which were of old, as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt. And David smote the land, and saved neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel; and he returned, and came to Achish. And Achish said, [4]Whither have ye made a raid to-day? And David said, Against the South of Judah, and against the South of the Jerahmeelites, and against the South of the Kenites. And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring them to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David, and so hath been his manner all the while he hath dwelt in the [1]country of the Philistines. And Achish believed David, saying, He hath made his people Israel utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant for ever.

[2] Another reading is, *Gizrites.*

[3] Some copies of the Sept. have, *from Telam.*

[4] So some ancient authorities. Others read, *Against whom.*

8 9 10 11 12

And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their [5]hosts together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me in the host, thou and thy men. And David said to Achish, Therefore thou shalt know what thy servant will do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.

[5] Heb. *camps.*

28 1 2

Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shu-

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nem: and Saul gathered all Israel together,
5 and they pitched in Gilboa. And when Saul
saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid,
6 and his heart trembled greatly. And when
Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD answered
him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor
7 by prophets. Then said Saul unto his servants,
Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit,
that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And
his servants said to him, Behold, there is a
woman that hath a familiar spirit at En-dor.
8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other
raiment, and went, he and two men with him,
and they came to the woman by night: and he
said, Divine unto me, I pray thee, by the famil-
iar spirit, and bring me up whomsoever I shall
9 name unto thee. And the woman said unto
him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done,
how he hath cut off those that have familiar
spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: where-
fore then layest thou a snare for my life, to
10 cause me to die? And Saul sware to her by the
LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall
no [1]punishment happen to thee for this thing.
11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up
unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.
12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried
with a loud voice: and the woman spake to
Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for
13 thou art Saul. And the king said unto her, Be
not afraid: for what seest thou? And the woman
said unto Saul, I see [2]a god coming up out of
14 the earth. And he said unto her, What form is
he of? And she said, An old man cometh up;
and he is covered with a robe. And Saul
perceived that it was Samuel, and he bowed
with his face to the ground, and did obeisance.
15 And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou

[1] Or, *guilt come upon thee*

[2] Or, *gods*

disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do. And Samuel said, Where- 16
fore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and [1]is become thine adversary? And the LORD hath [2]wrought for 17
himself, as he spake by me: and the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David. Because 18
thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, and didst not execute his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day. Moreover the LORD will deliver 19
Israel also with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to-morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD shall deliver the host of Israel also into the hand of the Philistines.
Then Saul fell straightway his full length upon 20
the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night. And the woman came unto Saul, 21
and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath hearkened unto thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me. Now therefore, I 22
pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way.
But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his 23
servants, together with the woman, constrained him; and he hearkened unto their voice. So he

[1] The Sept. has, *is on the side of thy neighbour.*
[2] Or, *done unto him* Some ancient authorities read, *done unto thee.*

24 arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed. And
the woman had a fatted calf in the house; and
she hasted, and killed it; and she took flour,
and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened bread
25 thereof: and she brought it before Saul, and
before his servants; and they did eat. Then
they rose up, and went away that night.

**29** 1 Now the Philistines gathered together all
their hosts to Aphek: and the Israelites pitched
2 by the fountain which is in Jezreel. And the
lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds,
and by thousands: and David and his men
3 passed on in the rearward with Achish. Then
said the princes of the Philistines, What *do*
these Hebrews *here*? And Achish said unto
the princes of the Philistines, Is not this David,
the servant of Saul the king of Israel, which
hath been with me these days or these years,
and I have found no fault in him since he fell
4 away *unto me* unto this day? But the princes
of the Philistines were wroth with him; and
the princes of the Philistines said unto him,
Make the man return, that he may go back to
his place where thou hast appointed him, and
let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the
battle he become an adversary to us: for where-
with should this *fellow* reconcile himself unto
his lord? should it not be with the heads of
5 these men? Is not this David, of whom they
sang one to another in dances, saying,

Saul hath slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands?

6 Then Achish called David, and said unto him,
As the LORD liveth, thou hast been upright,
and thy going out and thy coming in with me
in the host is good in my sight: for I have not
found evil in thee since the day of thy coming
unto me unto this day: nevertheless the lords

favour thee not. Wherefore now return, and 7
go in peace, that thou displease not the lords of
the Philistines. And David said unto Achish, 8
But what have I done? and what hast thou
found in thy servant so long as I have been be-
fore thee unto this day, that I may not go and
fight against the enemies of my lord the king?
And Achish answered and said to David, I 9
know that thou art good in my sight, as an
angel of God: notwithstanding the princes of
the Philistines have said, He shall not go up
with us to the battle. Wherefore now rise up 10
early in the morning with the servants of thy
lord that are come with thee: and as soon as
ye be up early in the morning, and have light,
depart. So David rose up early, he and his 11
men, to depart in the morning, to return into
the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines
went up to Jezreel.

And it came to pass, when David and his 1 **30**
men were come to Ziklag on the third day,
that the Amalekites had made a raid upon the
South, and upon Ziklag, and had smitten Zik-
lag, and burned it with fire; and had taken cap- 2
tive the women *and all* that were therein, both
small and great: they slew not any, but carried
them off, and went their way. And when Da- 3
vid and his men came to the city, behold, it was
burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons,
and their daughters, were taken captives. Then 4
David and the people that were with him lifted
up their voice and wept, until they had no more
power to weep. And David's two wives were 5
taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and
Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. And 6
David was greatly distressed; for the people
spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the
people was grieved, every man for his sons and

for his daughters: but David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

7 And David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the
8 ephod to David. And David inquired of the LORD, saying, [1]If I pursue after this troop, shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake *them*, and
9 shalt without fail recover *all*. So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where
10 those that were left behind stayed. But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred stayed behind, which were so faint that
11 they could not go over the brook Besor: and they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did
12 eat; and they gave him water to drink: and they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins; and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and
13 three nights. And David said unto him, To whom belongest thou? and whence art thou? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left
14 me, because three days agone I fell sick. We made a raid upon the South of the Cherethites, and upon that which belongeth to Judah, and upon the South of Caleb; and we burned Zik-
15 lag with fire. And David said to him, Wilt thou bring me down to this troop? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me up into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to
16 this troop. And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad over all

[1] Or, *Shall I pursue*

the ground, eating and drinking, and feasting,
[1] Or, *amidst* [1]because of all the great spoil that they had
taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out
of the land of Judah. And David smote them 17
from the twilight even unto the evening of the
next day: and there escaped not a man of them,
save four hundred young men, which rode upon
camels and fled. And David recovered all that 18
the Amalekites had taken: and David rescued
his two wives. And there was nothing lacking 19
to them, neither small nor great, neither sons
nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that
they had taken to them: David brought back
all. And David took all the flocks and the 20
herds, *which* they drave before those *other*
cattle, and said, This is David's spoil. And 21
David came to the two hundred men, which
were so faint that they could not follow David,
whom also they had made to abide at the brook
Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and
to meet the people that were with him: and when
[2] Or, *with* David came near [2]to the people, he [3]saluted
[3] Or, *asked them of their welfare* them. Then answered all the wicked men and 22
[4] Or, *base fellows* [4]men of [5]Belial, of those that went with David,
[5] That is, *worthlessness.* and said, Because they went not with us, we
will not give them aught of the spoil that we
have recovered, save to every man his wife
and his children, that they may lead them away,
and depart. Then said David, Ye shall not do 23
so, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath
given unto us, who hath preserved us, and de-
livered the troop that came against us into our
hand. And who will hearken unto you in this 24
matter? for as his share is that goeth down to
the battle, so shall his share be that tarrieth by
the stuff: they shall share alike. And it was so 25
from that day forward, that he made it a statute
and an ordinance for Israel, unto this day.

26 And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of
the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his
friends, saying, Behold a [1]present for you of the
27 spoil of the enemies of the LORD; to them
which were in Beth-el, and to them which were
in Ramoth of the South, and to them which
28 were in Jattir; and to them which were in
Aroer, and to them which were in Siphmoth,
29 and to them which were in Eshtemoa; and to
them which were in Racal, and to them which
were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to
them which were in the cities of the Kenites;
30 and to them which were in Hormah, and to
them which were in [2]Cor-ashan, and to them
31 which were in Athach; and to them which were
in Hebron, and to all the places where David
himself and his men were wont to haunt.

[1] Heb. *blessing.*

[2] According to many MSS. and versions, *Bor-ashan.*

**31** 1 [3]Now the Philistines fought against Israel:
and the men of Israel fled from before the
Philistines, and fell down [4]slain in mount
2 Gilboa. And the Philistines followed hard upon
Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines
slew Jonathan, and [5]Abinadab, and Malchi-shua,
3 the sons of Saul. And the battle went sore
against Saul, and the archers overtook him;
and he was greatly distressed by reason of
4 the archers. Then said Saul to his armour-
bearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through
therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and
thrust me through, and [6]abuse me. But his
armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid.
Therefore Saul took his sword, and fell upon
5 it. And when his armourbearer saw that Saul
was dead, he likewise fell upon his sword, and
6 died with him. So Saul died, and his three
sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men,
7 that same day together. And when the men of
Israel that were on the other side of the valley,

[3] See 1 Chr. x. 1—12.

[4] Or, *wounded*

[5] In ch. xiv. 49, *Ishvi.*

[6] Or, *make a mock of me*

and they that were beyond Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa. 9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry the tidings unto the house of their idols, and to the people. 10 And they put his armour in the house of the Ashtaroth: and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan. 11 And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard concerning him that which the Philistines had done to Saul, 12 all the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan; and they came to Jabesh, and burnt them there. 13 And they took their bones, and buried them under the tamarisk tree in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

THE

# SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL.

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**1** 1 And it came to pass after the death of Saul,
when David was returned from the slaughter
of the Amalekites, and David had abode two
2 days in Ziklag; it came even to pass on the
third day, that, behold, a man came out of
the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and
earth upon his head: and so it was, when he
came to David, that he fell to the earth, and
3 did obeisance. And David said unto him, From
whence comest thou? And he said unto him,
Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped.
4 And David said unto him, How went the
matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered,
The people are fled from the battle, and many
of the people also are fallen and dead; and
5 Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also. And
David said unto the young man that told him,
How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his
6 son be dead? And the young man that told
him said, As I happened by chance upon mount
Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear;
and, lo, the chariots and the horsemen followed
7 hard after him. And when he looked behind
him, he saw me, and called unto me. And
8 I answered, Here am I. And he said unto
me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I

am an Amalekite. And he said unto me, 9
[1] Or, *over* Stand, I pray thee, [1]beside me, and slay me,
[2] Or, *giddiness* for [2]anguish hath taken hold of me; because
my life is yet whole in me. So I stood [1]be- 10
side him, and slew him, because I was sure
that he could not live after that he was fallen:
and I took the crown that was upon his head,
and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have
brought them hither unto my lord. Then David 11
took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and
likewise all the men that were with him: and 12
they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even,
for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the
people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel;
because they were fallen by the sword. And 13
David said unto the young man that told him,
Whence art thou? And he answered, I am
the son of a stranger, an Amalekite. And 14
David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid
to put forth thine hand to destroy the LORD'S
anointed? And David called one of the young 15
men, and said, Go near, and fall upon him.
And he smote him that he died. And David 16
said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head;
for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying,
I have slain the LORD'S anointed.

And David lamented with this lamentation 17
over Saul and over Jonathan his son: and he 18
bade them teach the children of Judah *the song*
*of* the bow: behold, it is written in the book of
[3] Or, *The Upright* [3]Jashar.
[4] Or, *The gazelle*
[4]Thy glory, O Israel, is slain upon thy high 19
places!
How are the mighty fallen!
Tell it not in Gath, 20
Publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon;
Lest the daughters of the Philistines re-
joice,

Lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

21 Ye mountains of Gilboa,
Let there be no dew nor rain upon you, neither fields of offerings:
For there the shield of the mighty was [1]vilely cast away,
The shield of Saul, [2]not anointed with oil.

22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty,
The bow of Jonathan turned not back,
And the sword of Saul returned not empty.

23 Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives,
And in their death they were not divided;
They were swifter than eagles,
They were stronger than lions.

24 Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,
Who clothed you in scarlet [3]delicately,
Who put ornaments of gold upon your apparel.

25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle!
[4]Jonathan is slain upon thy high places.

26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan:
Very pleasant hast thou been unto me:
Thy love to me was wonderful,
Passing the love of women.

27 How are the mighty fallen,
And the weapons of war perished!

**2** 1 And it came to pass after this, that David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron.

2 So David went up thither, and his two wives also,

[1] Or, *defiled*

[2] Or, as of one *not anointed*

[3] Heb. *with delights.*

[4] Or, *O Jonathan, slain &c.*

Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. And his men that 3
were with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron. And the men of Judah came, and 4
there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.

And they told David, saying, The men of Jabesh-gilead were they that buried Saul. And 5
David sent messengers unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said unto them, Blessed be ye of the LORD, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, even unto Saul, and have buried him. And now the LORD shew kindness and 6
truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing. Now therefore let your hands be strong, and be 7
ye valiant: for Saul your lord is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.

Now Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's 8
host, had taken [1]Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and
brought him over to Mahanaim; and he made 9
him king over Gilead, and over the [2]Ashurites,
and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over
Benjamin, and over all Israel. (Ish-bosheth 10
Saul's son was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned two years.)
But the house of Judah followed David. And 11
the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants 12
of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon. And Joab the son of 13
Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out,
and met [3]them by the pool of Gibeon; and
they sat down, the one on the one side of the

[1] In 1 Chr. viii. 33, ix. 39, *Eshbaal.*

[2] The Vulgate and Syriac have, *Geshurites.*

[3] Heb. *them together.*

pool, and the other on the other side of the
14 pool. And Abner said to Joab, Let the young
men, I pray thee, arise and play before us.
15 And Joab said, Let them arise. Then they
arose and went over by number; twelve for
Benjamin, and for Ish-bosheth the son of Saul,
16 and twelve of the servants of David. And
they caught every one his fellow by the head,
and *thrust* his sword in his fellow's side; so
they fell down together: wherefore that place
was called [1] Helkath-hazzurim, which is in
17 Gibeon. And the battle was very sore that
day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of
18 Israel, before the servants of David. And the
three sons of Zeruiah were there, Joab, and
Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel was as light
19 of foot [2]as a wild roe. And Asahel pursued
after Abner; and in going he turned not to the
right hand nor to the left from following Abner.
20 Then Abner looked behind him, and said, Is it
21 thou, Asahel? And he answered, It is I. And
Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right
hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one
of the young men, and take thee his [3]armour.
But Asahel would not turn aside from following
22 of him. And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn
thee aside from following me: wherefore should
I smite thee to the ground? how then should I
23 hold up my face to Joab thy brother? How-
beit he refused to turn aside: wherefore Abner
with the hinder end of the spear smote him in
the belly, that the spear came out behind him;
and he fell down there, and died in the same
place: and it came to pass, that as many as
came to the place where Asahel fell down and
24 died stood still. But Joab and Abishai pursued
after Abner: and the sun went down when
they were come to the hill of Ammah, that lieth

[1] That is, *The field of the sharp knives.*

[2] Heb. *as one of the roes that are in the field.*

[3] Or, *spoil* See Judg. xiv. 19.

before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon. And the children of Benjamin gathered 25
themselves together after Abner, and became one band, and stood on the top of an hill. Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the 26
sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren? And Joab said, 27
As God liveth, [1]if thou hadst not spoken, surely then [2]in the morning the people had gone away, nor followed every one his brother. So 28
Joab blew the trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more. And Abner and his 29
men went all that night through the Arabah; and they passed over Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and came to Mahanaim. And 30
Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel. But the servants of David had smitten 31
of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, *so that* three hundred and threescore men died. And they 32
took up Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which was in Beth-lehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and the day brake upon them at Hebron.

[1] See ver. 14.
[2] Heb. *from the morning.*

Now there was long war between the house 1 3
of Saul and the house of David: and David waxed stronger and stronger, but the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

And unto David were sons born in Hebron: 2
and his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; and his second, Chileab, of Abigail 3
the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; and the fourth, Adoni- 4

jah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah
5 the son of Abital; and the sixth, Ithream, of
Eglah David's wife. These were born to David
in Hebron.

6 And it came to pass, while there was war
between the house of Saul and the house of
David, that Abner [1]made himself strong in the
7 house of Saul. Now Saul had a concubine,
whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah:
and *Ish-bosheth* said to Abner, Wherefore hast
8 thou gone in unto my father's concubine? Then
was Abner very wroth for the words of Ish-
bosheth, and said, Am I a dog's head that
belongeth to Judah? This day do I shew kind-
ness unto the house of Saul thy father, to his
brethren, and to his friends, and have not deliv-
ered thee into the hand of David, and yet thou
chargest me this day with [2]a fault concerning
9 this woman. God do so to Abner, and more
also, if, as the LORD hath sworn to David, I do
10 not even so to him; to translate the kingdom
from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne
of David over Israel and over Judah, from
11 Dan even to Beer-sheba. And he could not
answer Abner another word, because he feared
him.

12 And Abner sent messengers to David [3]on his
behalf, saying, Whose is the land? saying *also*,
Make thy league with me, and, behold, my
hand shall be with thee, to bring about all
13 Israel unto thee. And he said, Well; I will
make a league with thee: but one thing I
require of thee, that is, thou shalt not see my
face, except thou first bring Michal Saul's
daughter, when thou comest to see my face.
14 And David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth
Saul's son, saying, Deliver me my wife Michal,
whom I betrothed to me for an hundred fore-

[1] Or, *shewed himself strong for*

[2] Or, *the fault of this woman*

[3] Or, *where he was*

skins of the Philistines. And Ish-bosheth sent, 15
and took her from her husband, even from
[1] Paltiel the son of Laish. And her husband 16
went with her, weeping as he went, and followed
her to Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him,
Go, return: and he returned.

[1] In 1 Sam. xxv. 44, *Palti.*

And Abner had communication with the 17
elders of Israel, saying, In times past ye sought
for David to be king over you: now then do 18
it: for the LORD hath spoken of David, saying,
By the hand of my servant David I will save
my people Israel out of the hand of the Philis-
tines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.
And Abner also spake in the ears of Benjamin: 19
and Abner went also to speak in the ears of
David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel,
and to the whole house of Benjamin. So 20
Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty
men with him. And David made Abner and
the men that were with him a feast. And 21
Abner said unto David, I will arise and go, and
will gather all Israel unto my lord the king,
that they may make a covenant with thee, and
that thou mayest reign over all that thy soul
desireth. And David sent Abner away; and he
went in peace. And, behold, the servants of 22
David and Joab came from [2] a foray, and brought
in a great spoil with them: but Abner was not
with David in Hebron; for he had sent him
away, and he was gone in peace. When Joab 23
and all the host that was with him were come,
they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner
came to the king, and he hath sent him away,
and he is gone in peace. Then Joab came 24
to the king, and said, What hast thou done?
behold, Abner came unto thee; why is it that
thou hast sent him away, and he is quite gone?
Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he 25

[2] Heb. *the troop.*

came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that
26 thou doest. And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, and they brought him back from the [1]well of Sirah: but
27 David knew it not. And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside into the midst of the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there in the belly, that he died, for
28 the blood of Asahel his brother. And afterward when David heard it, he said, I and my kingdom are guiltless before the LORD for ever from the
29 blood of Abner the son of Ner: let it fall upon the head of Joab, and upon all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Joab one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth by the
30 sword, or that lacketh bread. So Joab and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had killed their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

[1] Or, *cistern*

31 And David said to Joab, and to all the people that were with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David followed the bier.
32 And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave
33 of Abner; and all the people wept. And the king lamented for Abner, and said,

Should Abner die as a fool dieth?
34 Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters:
As a man falleth before the children of iniquity, so didst thou fall.

35 And all the people wept again over him. And all the people came to cause David to eat bread while it was yet day; but David sware, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if I taste

bread, or aught else, till the sun be down. And 36
all the people took notice of it, and it pleased
them: as whatsoever the king did pleased all
the people. So all the people and all Israel 37
understood that day that it was not of the king
to slay Abner the son of Ner. And the king 38
said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is
a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?
And I am this day weak, though anointed king; 39
and these men the sons of Zeruiah be too hard
for me: the LORD reward the wicked doer
according to his wickedness.

And when *Ish-bosheth*, Saul's son, heard that 1 **4**
Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands became
feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled.
And *Ish-bosheth*, Saul's son, *had* two men that 2
were captains of bands: the name of the one
was Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab,
the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, of the child-
ren of Benjamin: (for Beeroth also is reckoned
to Benjamin: and the Beerothites fled to Git- 3
taim, and have been sojourners there until this
day.)

Now Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son that was 4
lame of his feet. He was five years old when
the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of
Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled:
and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee,
that he fell, and became lame. And his name
was [1]Mephibosheth.

And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, 5
Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the
heat of the day to the house of Ish-bosheth, as
he took his rest at noon. [2]And [3]they came 6
thither into the midst of the house, as though
they would have fetched wheat; and they smote
him in the belly: and Rechab and Baanah his
brother escaped. Now when they came into 7

[1] In 1 Chr. viii. 34, ix. 40, *Merib-baal.*

[2] The Sept. has, *And, behold, the woman that kept the door of the house was winnowing wheat, and she slumbered and slept; and the brethren, Rechab and Baanah, went privily into the house.*

[3] Or, *there came...men fetching wheat*

the house, as he lay on his bed in his bed-chamber, they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and went by
8 the way of the Arabah all night. And they brought the head of Ish-bosheth unto David to Hebron, and said to the king, Behold the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul thine enemy, which sought thy life; and the LORD hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and
9 of his seed. And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, As the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all
10 adversity, when one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, which was the reward I gave him for
11 his tidings. How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed, shall I not now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the
12 earth? And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up beside the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth, and buried it in the grave of Abner in Hebron.

**5** 1 Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are
2 thy bone and thy flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was thou that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel,
3 and thou shalt be [1]prince over Israel. So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel.

[1] Or, *leader*

David was thirty years old when he began 4
to reign, and he reigned forty years. In Heb- 5
ron he reigned over Judah seven years and
six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty
and three years over all Israel and Judah. [1]And 6
the king and his men went to Jerusalem against
the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which
spake unto David, saying, [2]Except thou take
away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not
come in hither: thinking, David cannot come
in hither. Nevertheless David took the strong 7
hold of Zion; the same is the city of David.
And David said on that day, Whosoever smiteth 8
the Jebusites, let him get up to the watercourse,
[3]and *smite* the lame and the blind, [4]that are
hated of David's soul. Wherefore they say,
[5]There are the blind and the lame; he cannot
come into the house. And David dwelt in the 9
strong hold, and called it the city of David.
And David built round about from Millo and
inward. And David waxed greater and greater; 10
for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

[6]And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to 11
David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and
masons: and they built David an house. And 12
David perceived that the LORD had established
him king over Israel, and that he had exalted
his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

And David took him more concubines and 13
wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from
Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters
born to David. And these be the names of 14
those that were born unto him in Jerusalem;
Shammua, and Shobab, and Nathan, and
Solomon, and Ibhar, and Elishua; and Nepheg, 15
and Japhia; and Elishama, and [7]Eliada, and 16
Eliphelet.

And when the Philistines heard that they had 17

[1] See 1 Chr. xi. 4—9.

[2] Or, *Thou shalt not come in hither, but the blind and the lame shall turn thee away*

[3] Or, *and as for the lame and the blind, that are hated of David's soul—*

[4] Another reading is, *that hate David's soul.*

[5] Or, *The blind and the lame shall not come into the house*

[6] See 1 Chr. xiv. 1—16.

[7] In 1 Chr. xiv. 7, *Beeliada.*

anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David; and David heard
18 of it, and went down to the hold. Now the Philistines had come and spread themselves in
19 the valley of Rephaim. And David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will certainly deliver the Philistines into
20 thine hand. And David came to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there; and he said, The LORD hath [1]broken mine enemies before me, like the breach of waters. Therefore he called
21 the name of that place [2]Baal-perazim. And they left their images there, and David and his men took them away.

[1] Or, *broken forth upon mine enemies*
[2] That is, *The place of breakings forth.*

22 And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.
23 And when David inquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up: make a circuit behind them, and come upon them over against the
24 [3]mulberry trees. And it shall be, when thou hearest the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then is the LORD gone out before
25 thee to smite the host of the Philistines. And David did so, as the LORD commanded him; and smote the Philistines from [4]Geba until thou come to Gezer.

[3] Or, *balsam trees*
[4] In 1 Chr. xiv. 16, *Gibeon.*

6 1 [5]And David again gathered together all the
2 chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him, from Baale Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, [6]which is called by the Name, even the name of the LORD of hosts
3 that [7]sitteth upon the cherubim. And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in [8]the

[5] See 1 Chr. xiii. 5—14.
[6] Heb. *whereupon is called the Name.*
[7] Or, *dwelleth between*
[8] Or, *Gibeah*

hill: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart. And they brought it 4
[1] Or, *Gibeah* out of the house of Abinadab, which was in [1]the hill, with the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark. And David and all the house of Israel 5
[2] See 1 Chr. xiii. 8. played before the LORD [2]with all manner of *instruments made of* [3]fir wood, and with harps,
[3] Or, *cypress* and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with
[4] Or, *sistra* [4]castanets, and with cymbals. And when they 6
came to the threshing-floor of Nacon, Uzzah put forth *his hand* to the ark of God, and took hold
[5] Or, *were restive* Or, *threw* it *down* of it; for the oxen [5]stumbled. And the anger 7
of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his [6]error; and there
[6] Or, *rashness* he died by the ark of God. And David was 8
displeased, because the LORD had broken forth
[7] That is, *The breach of Uzzah.* upon Uzzah: and he called that place [7]Perez-uzzah, unto this day. And David was afraid of 9
the LORD that day; and he said, How shall the
ark of the LORD come unto me? So David 10
would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David; but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.
And the ark of the LORD remained in the 11
house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obed-edom, and all his
house. And it was told king David, saying, 12
The LORD hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because
[8] See 1 Chr. xv. 25—xvi. 3. of the ark of God. [8]And David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with joy.
And it was so, that when they that bare the ark 13
of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. And David danced before 14
the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all 15
the house of Israel brought up the ark of the

LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the
16 trumpet. And it was so, as the ark of the LORD
came into the city of David, that Michal the
daughter of Saul looked out at the window, and
saw king David leaping and dancing before the
17 LORD; and she despised him in her heart. And
they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it
in its place, in the midst of the tent that David
had pitched for it: and David offered burnt
offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.
18 And when David had made an end of offering
the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he
blessed the people in the name of the LORD of
19 hosts. And he dealt among all the people,
even among the whole multitude of Israel, both
to men and women, to every one a cake of
bread, and a portion [1]*of flesh*, and a cake of [1] Or, of wine
raisins. So all the people departed every one
20 to his house. Then David returned to bless
his household. And Michal the daughter of
Saul came out to meet David, and said, How
glorious was the king of Israel to-day, who un-
covered himself to-day in the eyes of the hand-
maids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows
21 shamelessly uncovereth himself! And David
said unto Michal, *It was* before the LORD,
which chose me above thy father, and above all
his house, to appoint me prince over the people
of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play
22 before the LORD. And I will be yet more vile
than thus, and will be base in mine own sight:
but of the handmaids which thou hast spoken
23 of, of them shall I be had in honour. And
Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto
the day of her death.

**7** 1 [2]And it came to pass, when the king dwelt in [2] See 1 Chr. xvii.
his house, and the LORD had given him rest
2 from all his enemies round about, that the

king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. And Nathan said to 3
the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the LORD is with thee. And it came to pass 4
the same night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying, Go and tell my 5
servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? for I have not dwelt in an house since the day 6
that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. In all places wherein 7
I have walked with all the children of Israel, spake I a word with [1]any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why have ye not built me an house of cedar? Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto 8
my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the [2]sheepcote, from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be [3]prince over my people, over Israel: and I have been with 9
thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee; and I will make thee a great name, like unto the name of the great ones that are in the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people 10
Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as at the first, and *as* from the 11
day that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel; and I [4]will cause thee to rest from all thine enemies. Moreover the LORD telleth thee that the LORD will make thee an house. When thy days be fulfilled, and thou 12
shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy

[1] In 1 Chr. xvii. 6, *any of the judges.*

[2] Or, *pasture*

[3] Or, *leader*

[4] Or, *have caused*

13 bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He
shall build an house for my name, and I will
establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.
14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son:
if he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with
the rod of men, and with the stripes of the
15 children of men; but my mercy shall not depart
from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put
16 away before thee. And thine house and thy
kingdom shall be made sure for ever before
thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.
17 According to all these words, and according
to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto
David.
18 Then David the king went in, and sat before
the LORD; and he said, Who am I, O Lord
GOD, and what is my house, that thou hast
19 brought me thus far? And this was yet a
small thing in thine eyes, O Lord GOD; but
thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house
for a great while to come; [1]and this *too* after
20 the manner of men, O Lord GOD! And what
can David say more unto thee? for thou
21 knowest thy servant, O Lord GOD. For thy
word's sake, and according to thine own heart,
hast thou wrought all this greatness, to make
22 thy servant know it. Wherefore thou art great,
O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither
is there any God beside thee, according to all
23 that we have heard with our ears. [2]And what
one nation in the earth is like thy people, even
like Israel, whom God went to redeem unto
himself for a people, and to make him a name,
and to do great things for you, and terrible
things for thy land, before thy people, which
thou redeemedst to thee out of Egypt, *from*
24 the nations and their gods? And thou didst
establish to thyself thy people Israel to be a

[1] Or, *and is this the law of man, O Lord GOD?*

[2] Or, *And who is like thy people, like Israel, a nation that is alone in the earth &c.*

people unto thee for ever; and thou, LORD, became their God. And now, O LORD God, 25
the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, confirm thou it for ever, and do as thou hast spoken. And 26
let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is God over Israel: and the house of thy servant David shall be established before thee. For thou, O LORD of hosts, the 27
God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore
[1] Or, *been bold* hath thy servant [1]found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee. And now, O Lord GOD, 28
thou art God, and thy words are truth, and thou hast promised this good thing unto thy
[2] Or, *begin and bless* servant: now therefore [2]let it please thee to 29
bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken it: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

[3] See 1 Chr. xviii. [3]And after this it came to pass, that David 1 **8**
smote the Philistines, and subdued them: and
[4] Or, *Methegammah* David took [4]the bridle of the mother city out of the hand of the Philistines. And he smote 2
Moab, and measured them with the line, making them to lie down on the ground; and he measured two lines to put to death, and one full line to keep alive. And the Moabites became servants to David, and brought presents. David smote 3
also Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his dominion at
[5] Another reading is, *the river Euphrates.* [5]the River. And David took from him a thou- 4
sand and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David houghed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for an
[6] Heb. *Aram.* hundred chariots. And when [6]the Syrians of 5
Damascus came to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, David smote of [6]the Syrians two

6 and twenty thousand men. Then David put
garrisons in [1]Syria of Damascus: and [1]the
Syrians became servants to David, and brought
presents. And the LORD [2]gave victory to David
7 whithersoever he went. And David took the
shields of gold that were on the servants of
Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.
8 And from [3]Betah and from Berothai, cities of
Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much
9 brass. And when Toi king of Hamath heard
that David had smitten all the host of Hadad-
10 ezer, then Toi sent [4]Joram his son unto king
David, to [5]salute him, and to bless him, because
he had fought against Hadadezer and smitten
him: for Hadadezer [6]had wars with Toi. And
[7]*Joram* brought with him vessels of silver, and
11 vessels of gold, and vessels of brass: these also
did king David dedicate unto the LORD, with
the silver and gold that he dedicated of all the
12 nations which he subdued; of [8]Syria, and of
Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of
the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil
of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.
13 And David gat him a name when he returned
from smiting of [8]the Syrians in the Valley of
14 Salt, even eighteen thousand men. And he put
garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he
garrisons, and all the Edomites became servants
to David. And the LORD [2]gave victory to
David whithersoever he went.

15 And David reigned over all Israel; and
David executed judgement and justice unto all
16 his people. And Joab the son of Zeruiah was
over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of
17 Ahilud was [9]recorder: and Zadok the son of
Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar,
18 were priests; and Seraiah was [10]scribe; and
Benaiah the son of Jehoiada [11]*was over* the

[1] Heb. *Aram.*

[2] Or, *saved David*

[3] In 1 Chr. xviii. 8, *Tibhath.*

[4] In 1 Chr. xviii. 10, *Hadoram.*

[5] Heb. *ask him of his welfare.*

[6] Heb. *was a man of wars.*

[7] Heb. *in his hand were.*

[8] Heb. *Aram.* According to some ancient authorities, *Edom*, as in 1 Chr. xviii. 11, 12, Ps. lx. title.

[9] Or, *chronicler*

[10] Or, *secretary*

[11] So in ch. xx. 23, and 1 Chr. xviii. 17. The Hebrew text has, *and the Cherethites &c.*

Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were [1]priests.

[1] Or, *chief ministers*

And David said, Is there yet any that is 1 9
left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him
kindness for Jonathan's sake? And there was 2
of the house of Saul a servant whose name
was Ziba, and they called him unto David;
and the king said unto him, Art thou Ziba?
And he said, Thy servant is he. And the king 3
said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul,
that I may shew the kindness of God unto him?
And Ziba said unto the king, [2]Jonathan hath
yet a son, which is lame on his feet. And the 4
king said unto him, Where is he? And Ziba
said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house
of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar.
Then king David sent, and fetched him out of 5
the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from
Lo-debar. And Mephibosheth, the son of Jona- 6
than, the son of Saul, came unto David, and
fell on his face, and did obeisance. And
David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered,
Behold thy servant! And David said unto 7
him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee
kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and
will restore thee all the [3]land of Saul thy fa-
ther; and thou shalt eat bread at my table
continually. And he did obeisance, and said, 8
What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look
upon such a dead dog as I am? Then the 9
king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said
unto him, All that pertained to Saul and to all
his house have I given unto thy master's son.
And thou shalt till the land for him, thou, and 10
thy sons, and thy servants; and thou shalt bring
in *the fruits*, that thy master's son may have
bread to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's
son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now

[2] See ch. iv. 4.

[3] Heb. *field.*

Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.
11 Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all
that my lord the king commandeth his servant,
so shall thy servant do. [1]As for Mephibosheth,
*said the king*, he shall eat at my table, as one
12 of the king's sons. And Mephibosheth had
a young son, whose name was Mica. And all
that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants
13 unto Mephibosheth. So Mephibosheth dwelt
in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the
king's table; and he was lame on both his feet.

[1] Or, *But Mephibosheth eateth &c.*

10 1 [2]And it came to pass after this, that the king
of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his
2 son reigned in his stead. And David said, I
will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Na-
hash, as his father shewed kindness unto me.
So David sent by the hand of his servants to
comfort him concerning his father. And Da-
vid's servants came into the land of the children
3 of Ammon. But the princes of the children of
Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, Thinkest
thou that David doth honour thy father, that he
hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David
sent his servants unto thee to search the city,
4 and to spy it out, and to overthrow it? So
Hanun took David's servants, and shaved off
the one half of their beards, and cut off their
garments in the middle, even to their buttocks,
5 and sent them away. When they told it unto
David, he sent to meet them; for the men were
greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at
Jericho until your beards be grown, and then
6 return. And when the children of Ammon saw
that they were become odious to David, the
children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians
of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zobah, twenty
thousand footmen, and the king of Maacah with
a thousand men, and the men of Tob twelve

[2] See 1 Chr. xix.

thousand men. And when David heard of it, 7
he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men.
And the children of Ammon came out, and put 8
the battle in array at the entering in of the
gate: and the Syrians of Zobah, and of Rehob,
and the men of Tob and Maacah, were by them-
selves in the field. Now when Joab saw that 9
[1] the battle was set against him before and be-
hind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel,
and put them in array against the Syrians: and 10
the rest of the people he committed into the
hand of [2] Abishai his brother, and he put them
in array against the children of Ammon. And 11
he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me,
then thou shalt help me: but if the children of
Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come
and help thee. Be of good courage, and let us 12
play the men for our people, and for the cities
of our God: and the LORD do that which seem-
eth him good. So Joab and the people that 13
were with him drew nigh unto the battle against
the Syrians: and they fled before him. And 14
when the children of Ammon saw that the Syr-
ians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai,
and entered into the city. Then Joab returned
from the children of Ammon, and came to Jeru-
salem. And when the Syrians saw that they 15
were put to the worse before Israel, they
gathered themselves together. And [3] Hadarezer 16
sent, and brought out the Syrians that were
beyond the River: and they came to Helam,
with Shobach the captain of the host of Hadar-
ezer at their head. And it was told David; 17
and he gathered all Israel together, and passed
over Jordan, and came to Helam. And the
Syrians set themselves in array against David,
and fought with him. And the Syrians fled 18
before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians

[1] Heb. *the face of the battle was against.*

[2] Heb. *Abshai.*

[3] In ch. viii. 3, *Hadadezer.*

*the men of* seven hundred chariots, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Shobach the
19 captain of their host, that he died there. And when all the kings that were servants to Hadarezer saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

**11** 1 [1]And it came to pass, at the return of the year, at the time when kings go out *to battle*, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem.

[1] See 1 Chr. xx. 1.

2 And it came to pass at eventide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was
3 very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and inquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bath-sheba, the daughter of Eliam,
4 the wife of Uriah the Hittite? And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; (for she was purified from her uncleanness;) and she re-
5 turned unto her house. And the woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said,
6 I am with child. And David sent to Joab, *saying*, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab
7 sent Uriah to David. And when Uriah was come unto him, David asked of him how Joab did, and how the people fared, and how the
8 war prospered. And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a [2]mess *of meat* from the
9 king. But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went

[2] Or, *present from*

not down to his house. And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Art thou not come from a journey? wherefore didst thou not go down unto thine house? And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in booths; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open field; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing. And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to-day also, and to-morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem [1]that day, and the morrow. And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house. And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the [2]hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die. And it came to pass, when Joab [3]kept watch upon the city, that he assigned Uriah unto the place where he knew that valiant men were. And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people, even of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also. Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war; and he charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling all the things concerning the war unto the king, it shall be that, if the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore went ye so nigh unto the city to fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from

10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

[1] Or, *that day. And on the morrow David called him, and he &c.*

[2] Heb. *strong.*

[3] Or, *observed*

21 the wall? who smote Abimelech the son of
[1]Jerubbesheth? did not a woman cast an upper
millstone upon him from the wall, that he died
at Thebez? why went ye so nigh the wall?
then shalt thou say, Thy servant Uriah the
22 Hittite is dead also. So the messenger went,
and came and shewed David all that Joab had
23 sent him for. And the messenger said unto
David, The men prevailed against us, and came
out unto us into the field, and we were upon
24 them even unto the entering of the gate. And
the shooters shot at thy servants from off the
wall; and some of the king's servants be dead,
and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.
25 Then David said unto the messenger, Thus
shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing
displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as
well as another: make thy battle more strong
against the city, and overthrow it: and en-
26 courage thou him. And when the wife of Uriah
heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she
27 made lamentation for her husband. And when
the mourning was past, David sent and took
her home to his house, and she became his
wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that
David had done displeased the LORD.

**12** 1 And the LORD sent Nathan unto David.
And he came unto him, and said unto him,
There were two men in one city; the one rich,
2 and the other poor. The rich man had ex-
3 ceeding many flocks and herds: but the poor
man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb,
which he had bought and nourished up: and
it grew up together with him, and with his
children; it did eat of his own morsel, and
drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom,
4 and was unto him as a daughter. And there
came a traveller unto the rich man, and he

[1] In Judg. vi. 32, *Jerubbaal.*

spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him, but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him. And David's anger was greatly kindled 5 against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this is [1]worthy to die: and he shall restore the lamb 6 fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

[1] Heb. *a son of death.*

And Nathan said to David, Thou art the 7 man. Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; and I 8 gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added unto thee such and such things. Wherefore hast thou despised 9 the word of the LORD, to do that which is evil in his sight? thou hast smitten Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now there- 10 fore, the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will 11 raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun. For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this 12 thing before all Israel, and before the sun. And 13 David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, because by this deed thou 14

hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born
15 unto thee shall surely die. And Nathan departed unto his house.

And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick.
16 David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night
17 upon the earth. And the elders of his house arose, *and stood* beside him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did
18 he eat bread with them. And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he hearkened not unto our voice: [1]how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is
19 dead? But when David saw that his servants whispered together, David perceived that the child was dead: and David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He
20 is dead. Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel; and he came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required they set
21 bread before him, and he did eat. Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child
22 was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who knoweth whether the LORD will not be gracious to me, that the
23 child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not

[1] Or, *how then shall we tell him that the child is dead, so that he do himself some harm?*

return to me. And David comforted Bath- 24
sheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay
with her: and she bare a son, and [1]he called his
name Solomon. And the LORD loved him;
and he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet, 25
and he called his name [2]Jedidiah, for the LORD'S
sake.

[3]Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the 26
children of Ammon, and took the royal city.
And Joab sent messengers to David, and 27
said, I have fought against Rabbah, yea, I
have taken the city of waters. Now therefore 28
gather the rest of the people together, and en-
camp against the city, and take it: lest I take
the city, and [4]it be called after my name. And 29
David gathered all the people together, and
went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took
it. And he took the crown of [5]their king from 30
off his head; and the weight thereof was a
talent of gold, and *in it were* precious stones;
and it was set on David's head. And he
brought forth the spoil of the city, exceeding
much. And he brought forth the people that 31
were therein, and put them [6]under saws, and
[6]under harrows of iron, and [6]under axes of iron,
and [7]made them pass through the [8]brickkiln:
and thus did he unto all the cities of the children
of Ammon. And David and all the people
returned unto Jerusalem.

And it came to pass after this, that Absalom 1 **13**
the son of David had a fair sister, whose name
was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David
loved her. And Amnon was so vexed that he 2
fell sick because of his sister Tamar; for she
was a virgin; and it seemed hard to Amnon to
do any thing unto her. But Amnon had a 3
friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of
Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was a

[1] Another reading is, *she called.*

[2] That is, *Beloved of Jah.*

[3] See 1 Chr. xx. 1—3.

[4] Heb. *my name be called upon it.*

[5] Or, *Malcam* See Zeph. i. 5.

[6] Or, *to*

[7] Or, with a slight change in the Hebrew text, *made them labour at*

[8] Or, *brickmould*

very subtil man. And he said unto him, Why, O son of the king, art thou thus lean [1]from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister. And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and feign thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, Let my sister Tamar come, I pray thee, and give me bread to eat, and dress the food in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand. So Amnon lay down, and feigned himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, Let my sister Tamar come, I pray thee, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand. Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him food. So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. And she took dough, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes. And she took the pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him. And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the food into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother. And when she had brought them near unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister. And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not [2]force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly. And I, whither shall I carry my shame? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto

[1] Heb. *morning by morning.*

[2] Heb. *humble.*

the king; for he will not withhold me from thee. Howbeit he would not hearken unto her 14
voice: but being stronger than she, he forced her, and lay with her. Then Amnon hated her 15
with exceeding great hatred; for the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone. And she said 16
unto him, [1]Not so, because this great wrong in putting me forth is *worse* than the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not hearken unto her. Then he called his servant 17
that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her. And she had [2]a garment of divers 18
colours upon her: for with such robes were the king's daughters that were virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her. And Tamar put ashes on 19
her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that was on her; and she laid her hand on her head, and went her way, crying aloud as she went. And Absalom her brother said unto 20
her, Hath [3]Amnon thy brother been with thee? but now hold thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; take not this thing to heart. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house. But when king David heard of 21
all these things, he was very wroth. And 22
Absalom spake unto Amnon neither good nor bad: for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

And it came to pass after two full years, that 23
Absalom had sheepshearers in Baal-hazor, which is beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king's sons. And Absalom came to the 24
king, and said, Behold now, thy servant hath sheepshearers; let the king, I pray thee, and

[1] Or, Think *not there is occasion for this great wrong in putting me forth*, which is worse *&c.*

[2] Or, *a long garment with sleeves*

[3] Heb. *Aminon.*

25 his servants go with thy servant. And the
king said to Absalom, Nay, my son, let us not
all go, lest we be burdensome unto thee. And
he pressed him: howbeit he would not go, but
26 blessed him. Then said Absalom, If not, I
pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us.
And the king said unto him, Why should he go
27 with thee? But Absalom pressed him, that he
let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.
28 And Absalom commanded his servants, saying,
Mark ye now, when Amnon's heart is merry with
wine; and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon,
then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded
29 you? be courageous, and be valiant. And the
servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absa-
lom had commanded. Then all the king's sons
arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule,
30 and fled. And it came to pass, while they were
in the way, that the tidings came to David,
saying, Absalom hath slain all the king's sons,
31 and there is not one of them left. Then the
king arose, and rent his garments, and lay on
the earth; and all his servants stood by with
32 their clothes rent. And Jonadab, the son of
Shimeah David's brother, answered and said,
Let not my lord suppose that they have killed all
the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only
is dead: for by the appointment of Absalom
this hath been determined from the day that he
33 forced his sister Tamar. Now therefore let not
my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to
think that all the king's sons are dead: for
34 Amnon only is dead. But Absalom fled. And
the young man that kept the watch lifted up
his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came
much people by the way of the hill side behind
35 him. And Jonadab said unto the king, Behold,
the king's sons are come: as thy servant said,

so it is. And it came to pass, as soon as he 36
had made an end of speaking, that, behold,
the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice,
and wept: and the king also and all his serv-
ants wept [1]very sore. But Absalom fled, and 37
went to Talmai the son of [2]Ammihur, king
of Geshur. And *David* mourned for his son
every day.

So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and 38
was there three years. And *the soul of* king 39
David longed to go forth unto Absalom: for
he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he
was dead.

Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that 1 **14**
the king's heart was toward Absalom. And 2
Joab sent to Tekoa, and fetched thence a wise
woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign
thyself to be a mourner, and put on mourning
apparel, I pray thee, and anoint not thyself with
oil, but be as a woman that had a long time
mourned for the dead: and go in to the king, 3
and speak on this manner unto him. So Joab
put the words in her mouth. And when the 4
woman of Tekoa spake to the king, she fell on
her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and
said, Help, O king. And the king said unto 5
her, What aileth thee? And she answered, Of
a truth I am a widow woman, and mine husband
is dead. And thy handmaid had two sons, and 6
they two strove together in the field, and there
was none to part them, but the one smote the
other, and killed him. And, behold, the whole 7
family is risen against thine handmaid, and they
said, Deliver him that smote his brother, that
we may kill him for the life of his brother whom
he slew, and so destroy the heir also: thus shall
they quench my coal which is left, and shall
leave to my husband neither name nor remainder

[1] Heb. *with a very great weeping.*
[2] Another reading is, *Ammihud.*

8 upon the face of the earth. And the king said
unto the woman, Go to thine house, and I will
9 give charge concerning thee. And the woman
of Tekoa said unto the king, My lord, O king,
the iniquity be on me, and on my father's house:
10 and the king and his throne be guiltless. And
the king said, Whosoever saith aught unto thee,
bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee
11 any more. Then said she, I pray thee, let
the king remember the LORD thy God, that the
avenger of blood destroy not any more, lest they
destroy my son. And he said, As the LORD
liveth, there shall not one hair of thy son fall
12 to the earth. Then the woman said, Let thine
handmaid, I pray thee, speak a word unto my
13 lord the king. And he said, Say on. And the
woman said, Wherefore then hast thou devised
such a thing against the people of God? for in
speaking this word the king is as one which is
guilty, in that the king doth not fetch home
14 again his banished one. For we must needs
die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which
cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God
take away life, but deviseth means, that he that
15 is banished be not an outcast from him. Now
therefore seeing that I am come to speak this
word unto my lord the king, it is because the
people have made me afraid: and thy hand-
maid said, I will now speak unto the king; it
may be that the king will perform the request of
16 his servant. For the king will hear, to deliver
his servant out of the hand of the man that
would destroy me and my son together out of
17 the inheritance of God. Then thine handmaid
said, Let, I pray thee, the word of my lord the
king be [1]comfortable: for as [2]an angel of God,
so is my lord the king [3]to discern good and
bad: and the LORD thy God be with thee.

[1] Heb. *for rest.*
[2] Or, *the*
[3] Heb. *to hear.*

Then the king answered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, aught that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak. And the king said, Is the hand of Joab with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, As thy soul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from aught that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy servant Joab, he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid: to change the face of the matter hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of [1]an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth. And the king said unto Joab, Behold now, [2]I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom again. And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and did obeisance, and blessed the king: and Joab said, To-day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath performed the request of [3]his servant. So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, but let him not see my face. So Absalom turned to his own house, and saw not the king's face.

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Now in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. And when he polled his head, (now it was at every year's end that he polled it: because *the hair* was heavy on him, therefore he polled it:) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels, after the king's weight. And unto Absalom there were born three sons, and one

25 26 27

[1] Or, *the*

[2] Another reading is, *thou hast done.*

[3] Another reading is, *thy.*

daughter, whose name was Tamar: she was a woman of a fair countenance.

28 And Absalom dwelt two full years in Jeru-
29 salem; and he saw not the king's face. Then Absalom sent for Joab, to send him to the king; but he would not come to him: and he sent again a second time, but he would not
30 come. Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire. And Absalom's
31 servants set the field on fire. Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom unto his house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy servants set my
32 field on fire? And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Geshur? it were better for me to be there still: now therefore let me see the king's face; and if there be iniquity in me, let
33 him kill me. So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Absalom.

**15** 1 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him a chariot and horses, and fifty
2 men to run before him. And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man had a suit which should come to the king for judgement, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant
3 is of one of the tribes of Israel. And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king
4 to hear thee. Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto

me, and I would do him justice! And it was 5
so, that when any man came nigh to do him
obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took hold
of him, and kissed him. And on this manner 6
did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king
for judgement: so Absalom stole the hearts of
the men of Israel.

[1] According to some ancient authorities, *four*.

And it came to pass at the end of [1]forty 7
years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray
thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have
vowed unto the LORD, in Hebron. For thy serv- 8
ant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in
[2] Heb. *Aram.* [2]Syria, saying, If the LORD shall indeed bring
[3] Or, *worship* me again to Jerusalem, then I will [3]serve the
LORD. And the king said unto him, Go in 9
peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron.
But Absalom sent spies throughout all the 10
tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the
sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absa-
lom is king in Hebron. And with Absalom 11
went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that
were invited, and went in their simplicity; and
[4] Or, *sent Ahithophel* they knew not any thing. And Absalom [4]sent 12
for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor,
from his city, even from Giloh, while he offered
the sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong;
for the people increased continually with Ab-
salom.

And there came a messenger to David, say- 13
ing, The hearts of the men of Israel are after
Absalom. And David said unto all his servants 14
that were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let
us flee; for else none of us shall escape from
Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he over-
take us quickly, and bring down evil upon us,
and smite the city with the edge of the sword.
And the king's servants said unto the king, 15
Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatso-

16 ever my lord the king shall choose. And the
king went forth, and all his household after him.
And the king left ten women, which were con-
17 cubines, to keep the house. And the king went
forth, and all the people after him; and they
18 tarried [1]in Beth-merhak. And all his servants
passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites,
and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six
hundred men which came after him from Gath,
19 passed on before the king. Then said the king
to Ittai the Gittite, Wherefore goest thou also
with us? return, and abide with the king: for
thou art a stranger, and also an exile; *return*
20 to thine own place. Whereas thou camest but
yesterday, should I this day make thee go up
and down with us, seeing I go whither I may?
return thou, and take back thy brethren; mercy
21 and truth be with thee. And Ittai answered
the king, and said, As the LORD liveth, and as
my lord the king liveth, surely in what place
my lord the king shall be, whether for death or
22 for life, even there also will thy servant be. And
David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai
the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all
23 the little ones that were with him. And all the
country wept with a loud voice, and all the
people passed over: the king also himself passed
over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed
24 over, toward the way of the wilderness. And,
lo, Zadok also *came*, and all the Levites with
him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God;
and they set down the ark of God, and Abiathar
went up, until all the people had done passing
25 out of the city. And the king said unto Zadok,
Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I
shall find favour in the eyes of the LORD, he
will bring me again, and shew me both it, and
26 his habitation: but if he say thus, I have no

[1] Or, *at the Far House*

delight in thee; behold, here am I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him. The king 27
said also unto Zadok the priest, [1]Art thou *not* a seer? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. See, I will tarry [2]at the 28
fords of the wilderness, until there come word from you to certify me. Zadok therefore and 29
Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem: and they abode there.

And David went up by the ascent of the 30
*mount of* Olives, and wept as he went up; and he had his head covered, and went barefoot: and all the people that were with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up. And one told David, saying, 31
Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness.
And it came to pass, that when David was 32
come to the top *of the ascent*, [3]where God was worshipped, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat rent, and earth upon his head: and David said unto him, If thou 33
passest on with me, then thou shalt be a burden unto me: but if thou return to the city, and 34
say unto Absalom, I will be thy servant, O king; as I have been thy father's servant in time past, so will I now be thy servant: then shalt thou defeat for me the counsel of Ahithophel.
And hast thou not there with thee Zadok and 35
Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, that what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou shalt tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. Behold, they have there 36
with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's son, and Jonathan Abiathar's son; and by them ye shall send unto me every thing that ye shall

[1] Or, *Seest thou?*

[2] Another reading is, *in the plains.*

[3] Or, *where he was wont to worship God*

37 hear. So Hushai David's friend came into the
city; and Absalom came into Jerusalem.
16 1 And when David was a little past the top *of*
*the ascent*, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephi-
bosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled,
and upon them two hundred loaves of bread,
and an hundred clusters of raisins, and an
hundred of summer fruits, and a [1]bottle of wine.
2 And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest
thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses be
for the king's household to ride on; and the
bread and summer fruit for the young men to
eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the
3 wilderness may drink. And the king said, And
where is thy master's son? And Ziba said unto
the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for
he said, To-day shall the house of Israel restore
4 me the kingdom of my father. Then said the
king to Ziba, Behold, thine is all that pertaineth
unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba said, I do
obeisance; let me find favour in thy sight, my
lord, O king.
5 And when king David came to Bahurim, be-
hold, there came out thence a man of the family
of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei,
the son of Gera: he came out, and cursed still
6 as he came. And he cast stones at David, and
at all the servants of king David: and all the
people and all the mighty men were on his right
7 hand and on his left. And thus said Shimei
when he cursed, Begone, begone, thou man of
8 blood, and man of [2]Belial: the LORD hath re-
turned upon thee all the blood of the house of
Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and
the LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the
hand of Absalom thy son: and, behold, thou
art *taken* in thine own mischief, because thou art
9 a man of blood. Then said Abishai the son of

[1] Or, *skin*

[2] That is, *worthlessness*.

Zeruiah unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head. And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? [1]Because he curseth, and because the LORD hath said unto him, Curse David; who then shall say, Wherefore hast thou done so? And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more *may* this Benjamite now *do it*? let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him. It may be that the LORD will look on [2]the wrong done unto me, and that the LORD will requite me good for *his* cursing of me this day. So David and his men went by the way: and Shimei went along on the hill side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones [3]at him, and cast dust. And the king, and all the people that were with him, came [4]weary; and he refreshed himself there.

And Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, [5]God save the king, God save the king. And Absalom said to Hushai, Is this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend? And Hushai said unto Absalom, Nay; but whom the LORD, and this people, and all the men of Israel have chosen, his will I be, and with him will I abide. And again, whom should I serve? *should I* not *serve* in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence. Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, Give your counsel what we shall do. And Ahithophel said

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[1] Or, *When he curseth, and when &c.* Another reading is, *So let him curse, because.*

[2] Some ancient versions read, *my affliction.*

[3] Heb. *over against.*

[4] Or, *to Ayephim*

[5] Heb. *Let the king live.*

unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that
22 are with thee be strong. So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in
23 the sight of all Israel. And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man inquired at the [1]oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

[1] Heb. *word.*

**17** 1 Moreover Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this
2 night: and I will come upon him while he is weary and weak handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that are with him
3 shall flee; and I will smite the king only: and I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seekest is as if all returned: *so*
4 all the people shall be in peace. And the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel.

5 Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what he
6 saith. And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we
7 do *after* his saying? if not, speak thou. And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath given this time is not good.
8 Hushai said moreover, Thou knowest thy father and his men, that they be mighty men, and they be [2]chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the peo-
9 ple. Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in

[2] Heb. *bitter of soul.*

some *other* place: and it will come to pass,
[1] Or, *when he falleth upon them*
[1]when some of them be fallen at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom. And 10
even he that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and they which be with him are valiant men. But 11
I counsel that all Israel be gathered together unto thee, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and
[2] Or, *that thy presence* (Heb. *face*) *go to the battle*
[2]that thou go to battle in thine own person.
So shall we come upon him in some place 12
where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground: and of him and of all the men that are with him we will not leave so much as one. Moreover, if 13
[3] Or, *withdraw himself*
he [3]be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found there. And Absalom and all the men of 14
Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel. For the LORD had ordained to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Absalom.

Then said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abia- 15
[4] Another reading is, *in the plains.*
thar the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and
[5] Or, *Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stay by En-rogel; so let the maidservant go and tell them, and let them go and tell king David; for they may not be seen to come into the city*
thus and thus have I counselled. Now there- 16
fore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night [4]at the fords of the wilderness, but in any wise pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that are with him. [5]Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed 17
by En-rogel; and a maidservant used to go and tell them; and they went and told king David: for they might not be seen to come

18 into the city. But a lad saw them, and told
Absalom: and they went both of them away
quickly, and came to the house of a man in
Bahurim, who had a well in his court; and they
19 went down thither. And the woman took and
spread the covering over the well's mouth, and
strewed bruised corn thereon; and nothing was
20 known. And Absalom's servants came to the
woman to the house; and they said, Where are
Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said
unto them, They be gone over the brook of
water. And when they had sought and could
21 not find them, they returned to Jerusalem. And
it came to pass, after they were departed, that
they came up out of the well, and went and told
king David; and they said unto David, Arise
ye, and pass quickly over the water: for thus
22 hath Ahithophel counselled against you. Then
David arose, and all the people that were with
him, and they passed over Jordan: by the
morning light there lacked not one of them that
23 was not gone over Jordan. And when Ahitho-
phel saw that his counsel was not followed, he
saddled his ass, and arose, and gat him home,
unto his city, and set his house in order, and
hanged himself; and he died, and was buried
in the sepulchre of his father.

24 Then David came to Mahanaim. And Ab-
salom passed over Jordan, he and all the men
25 of Israel with him. And Absalom set Amasa
over the host instead of Joab. Now Amasa
was the son of a man, whose name was [1]Ithra
the Israelite, that went in to [2]Abigal the daugh-
ter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah Joab's mother.
26 And Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of
Gilead.

27 And it came to pass, when David was come
to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of

[1] In 1 Chr. ii. 17, *Jether the Ishmaelite.*
[2] In 1 Chr. ii. 16, 17, *Abigail.*

Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir
the son of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and Barzillai
the Gileadite of Rogelim, brought beds, and 28
basons, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and
barley, and meal, and parched *corn*, and beans,
and lentils, and parched *pulse*, and honey, and 29
butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for Da-
vid, and for the people that were with him, to
eat: for they said, The people is hungry, and
weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.

And David numbered the people that were 1 **18**
with him, and set captains of thousands and
captains of hundreds over them. And David 2
sent forth the people, a third part under the
hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of
Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and
a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite.
And the king said unto the people, I will surely
go forth with you myself also. But the people 3
said, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee
away, they will not care for us; neither if half
of us die, will they care for us: [1]but thou art
worth ten thousand of us: therefore now it is
better that thou be ready to succour us out of
the city. And the king said unto them, What 4
seemeth you best I will do. And the king
stood by the gate side, and all the people went
out by hundreds and by thousands. And the 5
king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai,
saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young
man, even with Absalom. And all the people
heard when the king gave all the captains charge
concerning Absalom. So the people went out 6
into the field against Israel: and the battle was
in the forest of Ephraim. And the people of 7
Israel were smitten there before the servants of
David, and there was a great slaughter there
that day of twenty thousand men. For the 8

[1] So some ancient authorities. The Hebrew text has, *for now are there ten thousand such as we.*

battle was there spread over the face of all the country: and the forest devoured more people
9 that day than the sword devoured. And Absalom chanced to meet the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon his mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great [1]oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went
10 on. And a certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanging in an
11 oak. And Joab said unto the man that told him, And, behold, thou sawest it, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten *pieces of* silver, and
12 a girdle. And the man said unto Joab, Though I should receive a thousand *pieces of* silver in mine hand, yet would I not put forth mine hand against the king's son: for in our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, [2]Beware that none touch the young man Absa-
13 lom. Otherwise if I had dealt falsely against [3]his life, (and there is no matter hid from the king,) then thou thyself [4]wouldest have stood
14 aloof. Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus with thee. And he took three [5]darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of
15 the oak. And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and smote Absalom,
16 and slew him. And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after
17 Israel: for Joab [6]held back the people. And they took Absalom, and cast him into the great pit in the forest, and raised over him a very great heap of stones: and all Israel fled
18 every one to his tent. Now Absalom in his life time had taken and reared up for himself the

[1] Or, *terebinth*

[2] Heb. *Have a care, whosoever ye be, of &c.*

[3] Another reading is, *my.*

[4] Or, *wouldest have set thyself against* me

[5] Heb. *staves.*

[6] Or, *spared*

pillar, which is in the king's dale: for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called Absalom's monument, unto this day.

Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the LORD hath [1]avenged him of his enemies. And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not be the bearer of tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead. Then said Joab to the Cushite, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And the Cushite bowed himself unto Joab, and ran. Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But come what may, let me, I pray thee, also run after the Cushite. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou [2]wilt have no reward for the tidings? But come what may, *said he*, I will run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the Plain, and overran the Cushite.

Now David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof of the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, a man running alone. And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he be alone, there is tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near. And the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold, *another* man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings. And the watchman said, Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings. And

19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

[1] Heb. *judged him from the hand &c.*

[2] Or, *hast no sufficient tidings*

Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, [1]All is well. And he bowed himself before the king with his face to the earth, and said, Blessed be the LORD thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord
29 the king. And the king said, [2]Is it well with the young man Absalom? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, [3]even me thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but
30 I knew not what it was. And the king said, Turn aside, and stand here. And he turned
31 aside, and stood still. And, behold, the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, Tidings for my lord the king: for the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee.
32 And the king said unto the Cushite, Is it well with the young man Absalom? And the Cushite answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise up against thee to do
33 thee hurt, be as that young man is. And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

19 1 And it was told Joab, Behold, the king
2 weepeth and mourneth for Absalom. And the [4]victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that
3 day, The king grieveth for his son. And the people gat them by stealth that day into the city, as people that are ashamed steal away
4 when they flee in battle. And the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my
5 son! And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved

[1] Heb. *Peace.*

[2] Heb. Is there *peace with &c.?*

[3] Or, *and*

[Ch. xix. 1 in Heb.]

[4] Heb. *salvation.*

thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines; in that thou lovest 6
them that hate thee, and hatest them that love thee. For thou hast declared this day, that princes and servants are nought unto thee: for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well. Now therefore arise, go forth, and 7
speak comfortably unto thy servants: for I swear by the LORD, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry a man with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that hath befallen thee from thy youth until now. Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. 8
And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate: and all the people came before the king.

Now Israel had fled every man to his tent. And all the people were at strife throughout all 9
the tribes of Israel, saying, The king delivered us out of the hand of our enemies, and he saved us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land from Absalom. And 10
Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?

And king David sent to Zadok and to Abi- 11
athar the priests, saying, Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the king, *to bring him* to his house. Ye are my brethren, ye are my 12
bone and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king? And say ye to 13
Amasa, Art thou not my bone and my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in the

14 room of Joab. And he bowed the heart of all
the men of Judah, even as *the heart of* one
man; so that they sent unto the king, *saying*,
15 Return thou, and all thy servants. So the king
returned, and came to Jordan. And Judah
came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to bring
the king over Jordan.
16 And Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite,
which was of Bahurim, hasted and came down
with the men of Judah to meet king David.
17 And there were a thousand men of Benjamin
with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of
Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty serv-
ants with him; and they went through Jordan
18 in the presence of the king. And there went
over [1]a ferry boat to bring over the king's
household, and to do what he thought good.
And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before
19 the king, when he [2]was come over Jordan. And
he said unto the king, Let not my lord im-
pute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remem-
ber that which thy servant did perversely the
day that my lord the king went out of Jeru-
salem, that the king should take it to his heart.
20 For thy servant doth know that I have sinned:
therefore, behold, I am come this day the first
of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet
21 my lord the king. But Abishai the son of
Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei
be put to death for this, because he cursed the
22 LORD'S anointed? And David said, What have
I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah, that ye
should this day be adversaries unto me? shall
there any man be put to death this day in Is-
rael? for do not I know that I am this day king
23 over Israel? And the king said unto Shimei,
Thou shalt not die. And the king sware unto
him.

[1] Or, *the convoy*

[2] Or, *would go over*

And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down 24
to meet the king; and he had neither dressed
his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his
clothes, from the day the king departed until
the day he came home in peace. And it came 25
to pass, [1]when he was come to Jerusalem to
meet the king, that the king said unto him,
Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mephi-
bosheth? And he answered, My lord, O king, 26
my servant deceived me: for thy servant said,
I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride there-
on, and go [2]with the king; because thy servant
is lame. And he hath slandered thy servant 27
unto my lord the king; but my lord the king is
as [3]an angel of God: do therefore what is good
in thine eyes. For all my father's house were 28
but [4]dead men before my lord the king: yet didst
thou set thy servant among them that did eat
at thine own table. What right therefore have
I yet that I should cry any more unto the king?
And the king said unto him, Why speakest 29
thou any more of thy matters? I say, Thou
and Ziba divide the land. And Mephibosheth 30
said unto the king, Yea, let him take all, foras-
much as my lord the king is come in peace unto
his own house.

And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from 31
Rogelim; and he went over Jordan with the
king, to conduct him over Jordan. Now Bar- 32
zillai was a very aged man, even fourscore years
old: and he had provided the king with sus-
tenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he was
a very great man. And the king said unto 33
Barzillai, Come thou over with me, and I will
sustain thee with me in Jerusalem. And Bar- 34
zillai said unto the king, How many are the
days of the years of my life, that I should go
up with the king unto Jerusalem? I am this 35

[1] Or, *when Jerusalem was come*

[2] Another reading is, *to.*

[3] Or, *the*

[4] Heb. *men of death.*

day fourscore years old: can I discern between
good and bad? can thy servant taste what I
eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the
voice of singing men and singing women?
wherefore then should thy servant be yet a
36 burden unto my lord the king? Thy servant
would but just go over Jordan with the king:
and why should the king recompense it me with
37 such a reward? Let thy servant, I pray thee,
turn back again, that I may die in mine own
city, by the grave of my father and my mother.
But behold, thy servant Chimham; let him go
over with my lord the king; and do to him
38 what shall seem good unto thee. And the king
answered, Chimham shall go over with me,
and I will do to him that which shall seem
good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt
39 [1]require of me, that will I do for thee. And
all the people went over Jordan, and the king
went over: and the king kissed Barzillai, and
blessed him; and he returned unto his own
place.

[1] Heb. *choose* to lay *upon*.

40 So the king went over to Gilgal, and Chimham
went over with him: and all the people of Judah
brought the king over, and also half the people
41 of Israel. And, behold, all the men of Israel
came to the king, and said unto the king, Why
have our brethren the men of Judah stolen thee
away, and brought the king, and his household,
over Jordan, and all David's men with him?
42 And all the men of Judah answered the men of
Israel, Because the king is near of kin to us:
wherefore then be ye angry for this matter?
have we eaten at all of the king's cost? or
43 hath he given us any gift? And the men of
Israel answered the men of Judah, and said,
We have ten parts in the king, and we have
also more *right* in David than ye: why then

did ye despise us, [1]that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king? And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

[1] Or, *and were not we the first to speak of bringing back our king?*

And there happened to be there a man of 1 **20**
[2]Belial, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite: and he blew the trumpet, and said, We have no portion in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to his tents, O Israel. So all the men of 2
Israel went up from following David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri: but the men of Judah clave unto their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem.

[2] That is, *worthlessness.*

And David came to his house at Jerusalem; 3
and the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward, and provided them with sustenance, but went not in unto them. So they were shut up unto the day of their death, [3]living in widowhood.

[3] Heb. *in widowhood of life.*

Then said the king to Amasa, Call me the 4
men of Judah together within three days, and be thou here present. So Amasa went to call 5
*the men of* Judah together: but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed him. And David said to Abishai, Now shall 6
Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than did Absalom: take thou thy lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and escape out of our sight. And there went 7
out after him Joab's men, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men: and they went out of Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri. When they were at the 8
great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa came to meet them. And Joab was girded with his apparel of war that he had put on, and thereon

was a girdle with a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof; and as he went
9 forth it fell out. And Joab said to Amasa, Is it well with thee, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to kiss
10 him. But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab's hand: so he smote him therewith in the belly, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not again; and he died. And Joab and Abishai his brother
11 pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri. And there stood by him one of Joab's young men, and said, He that favoureth Joab, and he that
12 is for David, let him follow Joab. And Amasa lay wallowing in his blood in the midst of the high way. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he carried Amasa out of the high way into the field, and cast a garment over him, when he saw that every one that came by
13 him stood still. When he was removed out of the high way, all the people went on after Joab,
14 to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri. And he went through all the tribes of Israel unto Abel, and to Beth-maacah, and all the Berites: and they were gathered together, and went also
15 after him. And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maacah, and they cast up a mount against the city, and it stood against the rampart: and all the people that were with
16 Joab [1]battered the wall, to throw it down. Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Joab, Come near hither,
17 that I may speak with thee. And he came near unto her; and the woman said, Art thou Joab? And he answered, I am. Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thine hand-
18 maid. And he answered, I do hear. Then she spake, saying, They were wont to speak in

[1] Or, *undermined*

old time, saying, They shall surely ask *counsel* at Abel: and so they ended *the matter.* I am 19
of them that are peaceable and faithful in Israel: thou seekest to destroy a city and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of the LORD? And Joab 20
answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy. The 21
matter is not so: but a man of the hill country of Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, even against David: deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said unto Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall. Then the woman went unto all 22
the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and threw it out to Joab. And he blew the trumpet, and they were dispersed from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king.

Now Joab was over all the host of Israel: 23
and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over
the [1]Cherethites and over the Pelethites: and 24
Adoram was over the [2]tribute: and Jehoshaphat
the son of Ahilud was the [3]recorder: and Sheva 25
was [4]scribe: and Zadok and Abiathar were
priests: and Ira also the Jairite was [5]priest unto 26
David.

[1] Another reading is, *Carites.* See 2 Kings xi. 4.
[2] Or, *levy*
[3] Or, *chronicler*
[4] Or, *secretary*
[5] Or, *a chief minister* See 1 Chr. xviii. 17.

And there was a famine in the days of David 1 **21**
three years, year after year; and David sought
the face of the LORD. And the LORD said, It
is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because
he put to death the Gibeonites. And the king 2
called the Gibeonites, and said unto them; (now
the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel,
but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the
children of Israel had sworn unto them: and

Saul sought to slay them in his zeal for the
3 children of Israel and Judah :) and David said
unto the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you?
and wherewith shall I make atonement, that ye
4 may bless the inheritance of the LORD? And
the Gibeonites said unto him, It is no matter
of silver or gold between us and Saul, or his
house; [1]neither is it for us to put any man to
death in Israel. And he said, What ye shall
5 say, that will I do for you. And they said unto
the king, The man that consumed us, and that
devised against us, [2]*that* we should be destroyed
from remaining in any of the borders of Israel,
6 let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us,
and we will hang them up unto the LORD in
Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of the LORD. And
7 the king said, I will give them. But the king
spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the
son of Saul, because of the LORD's oath that
was between them, between David and Jona-
8 than the son of Saul. But the king took the
two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom
she bare unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth;
and the five sons of [3]Michal the daughter of
Saul, whom she bare to Adriel the son of Bar-
9 zillai the Meholathite: and he delivered them
into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they
hanged them in the mountain before the LORD,
and they fell *all* seven together: and they were
put to death in the days of harvest, in the first
10 days, at the beginning of barley harvest. And
Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth,
and spread it for her upon the rock, from the
beginning of harvest until water was poured
upon them from heaven; and she suffered
neither the birds of the air to rest on them by
11 day, nor the beasts of the field by night. And
it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of

[1] Or, *neither for us shalt thou put any man to death in Israel*

[2] Or, so that *we have been destroyed*

[3] In 1 Sam. xviii. 19, *Merab*.

Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done. And 12
David went and took the bones of Saul and the
bones of Jonathan his son from the men of
Jabesh-gilead, which had stolen them from the
[1] Or, *broad place* [1]street of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had
hanged them, in the day that the Philistines
slew Saul in Gilboa: and he brought up from 13
thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jona-
than his son; and they gathered the bones of
them that were hanged. And they buried the 14
bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the
country of Benjamin in Zela, in the sepulchre
of Kish his father: and they performed all that
the king commanded. And after that God was
intreated for the land.

And the Philistines had war again with Israel; 15
and David went down, and his servants with
him, and fought against the Philistines: and
David waxed faint. And Ishbi-benob, which 16
[2] Heb. *Raphah.* was of the sons of the [2]giant, the weight of
whose spear was three hundred *shekels* of brass
[3] Or, *new* armour in weight, he being girded with [3]a new *sword*,
thought to have slain David. But Abishai the 17
son of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the
Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of
David sware unto him, saying, Thou shalt go
no more out with us to battle, that thou quench
not the lamp of Israel.

[4] See 1 Chr. xx. 4—8. [4]And it came to pass after this, that there 18
[5] In 1 Chr. xx. 4, *Gezer.* was again war with the Philistines at [5]Gob:
then Sibbecai the Hushathite slew [6]Saph, which
[6] In 1 Chr. xx. 4, *Sippai.* was of the sons of the [2]giant. And there was 19
again war with the Philistines at Gob; and
Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim the Beth-
[7] In 1 Chr. xx. 5, *the brother of Goliath.* lehemite slew [7]Goliath the Gittite, the staff of
whose spear was like a weaver's beam. And 20
there was again war at Gath, where was a man
of great stature, that had on every hand six

fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the
21 [1]giant. And when he [2]defied Israel, Jonathan the son of [3]Shimei David's brother slew him.
22 These four were born to the [1]giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

22 1 [4]And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out
2 of the hand of Saul: and he said,

The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, even mine;
3 The God of my rock, in him will I trust;
My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge;
My saviour, thou savest me from violence.
4 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised:
So shall I be saved from mine enemies.
5 For the waves of death compassed me,
The floods of [5]ungodliness made me afraid.
6 The cords of [6]Sheol were round about me:
The snares of death came upon me.
7 In my distress I called upon the LORD,
Yea, I called unto my God:
And he heard my voice out of his temple,
And my cry *came* into his ears.
8 Then the earth shook and trembled,
The foundations of heaven moved
And were shaken, because he was wroth.
9 There went up a smoke [7]out of his nostrils,
And fire out of his mouth devoured:
Coals were kindled by it.
10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down;
And thick darkness was under his feet.
11 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly:
Yea, he was seen upon the wings of the wind.

[1] Heb. *Raphah.*
[2] Or, *reproached*
[3] In 1 Sam. xvi. 9, *Shammah* in 1 Chr. ii. 13, xx. 7, *Shimea.*
[4] See Ps. xviii.
[5] Heb. *Belial.*
[6] See Gen. xxxvii. 35.
[7] Or, *in his wrath*

And he made darkness pavilions round about him, 12
Gathering of waters, thick clouds of the skies.
At the brightness before him 13
Coals of fire were kindled.
The LORD thundered from heaven, 14
And the Most High uttered his voice.
And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; 15
Lightning, and discomfited them.
Then the channels of the sea appeared, 16
The foundations of the world were laid bare,
By the rebuke of the LORD,
At the blast of the breath of his nostrils.
He sent from on high, he took me; 17
He drew me out of [1]many waters;
He delivered me from my strong enemy, 18
From them that hated me; for they were too mighty for me.
They came upon me in the day of my calamity: 19
But the LORD was my stay.
He brought me forth also into a large place: 20
He delivered me, because he delighted in me.
The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness: 21
According to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.
For I have kept the ways of the LORD, 22
And have not wickedly departed from my God.
For all his judgements were before me: 23
And as for his statutes, I did not depart from them.
I was also perfect toward him, 24
And I kept myself from mine iniquity.
Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness; 25
According to my cleanness in his eyesight.
With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful, 26

[1] Or, *great*

With the perfect man thou wilt shew thyself perfect;
27 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure;
And with the perverse thou wilt shew thyself [1]froward.
28 And the afflicted people thou wilt save:
But thine eyes are upon the haughty, [2]that thou mayest bring them down.
29 For thou art my lamp, O LORD:
And the LORD will lighten my darkness.
30 For by thee I run [3]upon a troop:
By my God do I leap over a wall.
31 As for God, his way is perfect:
The word of the LORD is tried;
He is a shield unto all them that trust in him.
32 For who is God, save the LORD?
And who is a rock, save our God?
33 God is my strong fortress:
And he [4]guideth the perfect in his way.
34 He maketh [5]his feet like hinds' *feet*:
And setteth me upon my high places.
35 He teacheth my hands to war;
So that mine arms do bend a bow of brass.
36 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation:
And thy [6]gentleness hath made me great.
37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me,
And my [7]feet have not slipped.
38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them;
Neither did I turn again till they were consumed.
39 And I have consumed them, and smitten them through, that they cannot arise:
Yea, they are fallen under my feet.
40 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle:

[1] So Ps. xviii. 26. The text has, *unsavoury.*
[2] Or, *whom thou wilt bring down*
[3] Or, *through*
[4] Or, *setteth free*
According to another reading, *guideth my way in perfectness.*
[5] Another reading is, *my.*
[6] Or, *condescension*
[7] Heb. *ankles.*

Thou hast [1]subdued under me those that rose up against me.
Thou hast also made mine enemies turn their 41
backs unto me,
That I might cut off them that hate me.
They looked, but there was none to save; 42
Even unto the LORD, but he answered them not.
Then did I beat them small as the dust of the 43
earth,
I did stamp them as the mire of the streets, and did spread them abroad.
Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings 44
of my people;
Thou [2]hast kept me to be the head of the nations:
A people whom I have not known shall serve me.
The strangers shall [3]submit themselves unto 45
me:
As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me.
The strangers shall fade away, 46
And shall [4]come trembling out of their close places.
The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; 47
And exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation:
Even the God that executeth vengeance for 48
me,
And bringeth down peoples under me,
And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: 49
Yea, thou liftest me up above them that rise up against me:
Thou deliverest me from the violent man.
Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, 50
among the nations,
And will sing praises unto thy name.
[5]Great [6]deliverance giveth he to his king: 51

[1] Heb. *caused to bow.*
[2] Or, *will keep*
[3] Or, *yield feigned obedience* Heb. *lie.*
[4] So Ps. xviii. 45. The text has, *gird themselves.*
[5] Another reading is, *He is a tower of deliverance.*
[6] Heb. *salvations.*

And sheweth lovingkindness to his anointed,
To David and to his seed, for evermore.

23 1 Now these be the last words of David.
David the son of Jesse saith,
And the man who was raised on high saith,
The anointed of the God of Jacob,
And [1]the sweet psalmist of Israel:
2 The spirit of the LORD spake [2]by me,
And his word was upon my tongue.
3 The God of Israel said,
The Rock of Israel spake to me:
[3]One that ruleth over men [4]righteously,
That ruleth in the fear of God,
4 *He shall be* as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth,
A morning without clouds;
*When* the tender grass *springeth* out of the earth,
Through clear shining after rain.
5 [5]Verily my house is not so with God;
Yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant,
Ordered in all things, and sure:
For it is all my salvation, and all *my* desire,
Although he maketh it not to grow.
6 But [6]the ungodly shall be all of them as thorns to be thrust away,
For they cannot be taken with the hand:
7 But the man that toucheth them
Must be [7]armed with iron and the staff of a spear;
And they shall be utterly burned with fire in *their* place.
8 [8]These be the names of the mighty men whom David had: [9]Josheb-basshebeth a Tahchemonite, chief of the captains; the same was Adino the Eznite, against eight hundred slain
9 at one time. And after him was Eleazar the

[1] Heb. *pleasant in the psalms of Israel.*
[2] Or, *in*
[3] Or, There shall be *one ...and* it shall be *as &c.*
[4] Heb. *a righteous one.*
[5] Or, *For is not my house so with God? for he...for all my salvation, and all* my *desire, will he not make it to grow?*
[6] Heb. *Belial,* that is, *worthlessness.*
[7] Heb. *filled.*
[8] See 1 Chr. xi. 11—47.
[9] The verse is probably corrupt. See 1 Chr. xi. 11.

son of Dodai the son of an Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel [1]were gone away: he arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword: and the LORD wrought a great [2]victory that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil. And after him was Shammah the son of Agee a Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together [3]into a troop, where was a plot of ground full of lentils; and the people fled from the Philistines. But he stood in the midst of the plot, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the LORD wrought a great [2]victory. And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam; and the troop of the Philistines were encamped in the valley of Rephaim. And David was then in the hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Beth-lehem. And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me water to drink of the well of Beth-lehem, which is by the gate! And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: but he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD. And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this: *shall I drink* the blood of the men that went [4]in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did the three mighty men. And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief of the three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred [5]and slew them, and had a name among the three. Was he not most

[1] Heb. *went up.*

[2] Heb. *salvation.*

[3] Or, *for foraging*

[4] Heb. *with their lives.*

[5] Heb. *slain.*

honourable of the three? therefore he was made
their captain: howbeit he attained not unto the
20 *first* three. And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada,
the son of [1]a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had
done mighty deeds, he slew the two *sons of*
Ariel of Moab: he went down also and slew a
21 lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow: and
he slew an Egyptian, a goodly man: and the
Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went
down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear
out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with
22 his own spear. These things did Benaiah the
son of Jehoiada, and had a name among the
23 three mighty men. He was more honourable
than the thirty, but he attained not to the *first*
three. And David set him over his [2]guard.
24 Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the
thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem;
25 Shammah the Harodite, Elika the Harodite;
26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the
27 Tekoite; Abiezer the Anathothite, Mebunnai
28 the Hushathite; Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai
29 the Netophathite; Heleb the son of Baanah
the Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai of
30 Gibeah of the children of Benjamin; Benaiah
a Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash;
31 Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Bar-
32 humite; Eliahba the Shaalbonite, the sons of
33 Jashen, Jonathan; Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam
34 the son of Sharar the Ararite; Eliphelet the son
of Ahasbai, the son of the Maacathite, Eliam
35 the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite; [3]Hezro the
36 Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite; Igal the son of
37 Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite; Zelek the
Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, [4]armour-
38 bearers to Joab the son of Zeruiah; Ira the
39 Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite; Uriah the Hittite:
thirty and seven in all.

[1] According to another reading, *Ish-hai*.

[2] Or, *council*

[3] Or, *Hezrai*

[4] Another reading is, *armourbearer*.

[1] See 1 Chr. xxi.

24 1 [1]And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them, saying, Go, number Israel and Judah.
2 And the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which was with him, Go now to and fro through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the sum of the people.
3 And Joab said unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, an hundredfold, and may the eyes of my lord the king see it: but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing?
4 Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel.
5 And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in Aroer, on the right side of the city that is in the middle of the valley [2]of Gad, and unto Jazer:
6 then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtim-hodshi; and they came to Dan-jaan, and round about to Zidon,
7 and came to the strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the south of Judah, at Beer-sheba.
8 So when they had gone to and fro through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.
9 And Joab gave up the sum of the numbering of the people unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.
10 And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: but now, O LORD, put away, I

[2] Or, *toward*

beseech thee, the iniquity of thy servant; for I
11 have done very foolishly. And when David
rose up in the morning, the word of the LORD
came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, say-
12 ing, Go and speak unto David, Thus saith
the LORD, I [1]offer thee three things; choose
thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.
13 So Gad came to David, and told him, and said
unto him, Shall seven years of famine come
unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three
months before thy foes while they pursue thee?
or shall there be three days' pestilence in thy
land? now advise thee, and consider what an-
14 swer I shall return to him that sent me. And
David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait:
let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for
his mercies are [2]great: and let me not fall into
15 the hand of man. So the LORD sent a pest-
ilence upon Israel from the morning even to
the time appointed: and there died of the peo-
ple from Dan even to Beer-sheba seventy thou-
16 sand men. And when the angel stretched out
his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the
LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the
angel that destroyed the people, It is enough;
now stay thine hand. And the angel of the
LORD was by the threshing-floor of [3]Araunah
17 the Jebusite. And David spake unto the LORD
when he saw the angel that smote the people,
and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done
perversely: but these sheep, what have they
done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against
me, and against my father's house.
18 And Gad came that day to David, and said
unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD
in the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite.
19 And David went up according to the saying of
20 Gad, as the LORD commanded. And Araunah

[1] Or, *lay upon*

[2] Or, *many*

[3] Or, *Ornah*
In 1 Chr. xxi. 15, *Ornan.*

looked forth, and saw the king and his servants
[1] coming on toward him: and Araunah went
out, and bowed himself before the king with his
face to the ground. And Araunah said, Where- 21
fore is my lord the king come to his servant?
And David said, To buy the threshing-floor of
thee, to build an altar unto the LORD, that the
plague may be stayed from the people. And 22
Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king
take and offer up what seemeth good unto him:
behold, the oxen for the burnt offering, and the
threshing instruments and the furniture of the
oxen for the wood: [2] all this, O king, doth 23
Araunah give unto the king. And Araunah
said unto the king, The LORD thy God accept
thee. And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; 24
but I will verily buy it of thee at a price: nei-
ther will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD
my God which cost me nothing. So David
bought the threshing-floor and the oxen for fifty
shekels of silver. And David built there an 25
altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings
and peace offerings. So the LORD was intreated
for the land, and the plague was stayed from
Israel.

[1] Or, *passing over*

[2] Or, *all this did Araunah the king give &c.*

THE

# FIRST BOOK OF THE KINGS.

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**1** 1 Now king David was old and stricken in
years; and they covered him with clothes, but
2 he gat no heat. Wherefore his servants said
unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the
king a young virgin: and let her stand before
the king, and cherish him; and let her lie in thy
bosom, that my lord the king may get heat.
3 So they sought for a fair damsel throughout
all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag the
4 Shunammite, and brought her to the king. And
the damsel was very fair; and she cherished the
king, and ministered to him; but the king knew
5 her not. Then Adonijah the son of Haggith
exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he
prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty
6 men to run before him. And his father had not
displeased him [1]at any time in saying, Why
hast thou done so? and he was also a very
goodly man; and he was born after Absalom.
7 And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah,
and with Abiathar the priest: and they following
8 Adonijah helped him. But Zadok the priest,
and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan
the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the
mighty men which belonged to David, were not
9 with Adonijah. And Adonijah [2]slew sheep and

[1] Or, *all his life*

[2] Or, *sacrificed*

oxen and fatlings by the stone of Zoheleth, which is beside En-rogel; and he called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants: but Nathan the 10
prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not. Then 11
Nathan spake unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not? Now there- 12
fore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon. Go and get thee in unto 13
king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign? Behold, while thou yet 14
talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words. And Bath- 15
sheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king. And 16
Bath-sheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldest thou? And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest 17
by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, *saying*, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne. And 18
now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; [1]and thou, my lord the king, knowest it not: and he hath [2]slain 19
oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called. And 20
[3]thou, my lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after

[1] Another reading is, *and now, my lord the king, thou &c.*
[2] Or, *sacrificed*
[3] Another reading is, *now.*

him. Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted [1]offenders.
And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet came in. And they told the king, saying, Behold, Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? For he is gone down this day, and hath [2]slain oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, God save king Adonijah. But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called. Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed unto thy [3]servants who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him? Then king David answered and said, Call me Bath-sheba. And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king. And the king sware, and said, As the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity, verily as I sware unto thee by the LORD, the God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; verily so will I do this day. Then Bath-sheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did obeisance to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever. And king David said, Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king. And the king said unto them, Take with

[1] Heb. *sinners.*
[2] Or, *sacrificed*
[3] Another reading is, *servant.*

you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon
my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring
him down to Gihon: and let Zadok the priest 34
and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king
over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and
say, God save king Solomon. Then ye shall 35
come up after him, and he shall come and sit
upon my throne; for he shall be king in my
[1] Or, *leader* stead: and I have appointed him to be [1]prince
over Israel and over Judah. And Benaiah the 36
son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said,
Amen: the LORD, the God of my lord the king,
say so *too*. As the LORD hath been with my 37
lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and
make his throne greater than the throne of my
lord king David. So Zadok the priest, and 38
Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of
Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites,
went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon
king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon.
And Zadok the priest took the horn of oil out 39
of the Tent, and anointed Solomon. And they
blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God
save king Solomon. And all the people came 40
up after him, and the people piped with pipes,
and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth
rent with the sound of them. And Adonijah 41
and all the guests that were with him heard it as
they had made an end of eating. And when Joab
heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Where-
fore is this noise of the city being in an uproar?
While he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of 42
Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said,
Come in; for thou art a worthy man, and
bringest good tidings. And Jonathan answered 43
and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king
David hath made Solomon king: and the king 44
hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan

the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule:
45 and Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that ye have
46 heard. And also Solomon sitteth on the throne
47 of the kingdom. And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, [1]Thy God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne: and the king bowed himself
48 upon the bed. And also thus said the king, Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, which hath given one to sit on my throne this day,
49 mine eyes even seeing it. And all the guests of Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went
50 every man his way. And Adonijah feared because of Solomon; and he arose, and went, and
51 caught hold on the horns of the altar. And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath laid hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me [2]this day that he will
52 not slay his servant with the sword. And Solomon said, If he shall shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness be found in him, he
53 shall die. So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and did obeisance to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

[1] Another reading omits *Thy*.

[2] Or, *first of all*

**2** 1 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son,
2 saying, I go the way of all the earth: be thou
3 strong therefore, and shew thyself a man; and

keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, *and* his commandments, and his judgements, and his testimonies, according to that which is written in
[1] Or, *do wisely* the law of Moses, that thou mayest [1]prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself: that the LORD may establish 4
his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel. Moreover thou 5
knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did unto me, even what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether,
[2] Heb. *set.* whom he slew, and [2]shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet. Do therefore according to 6
thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down
[3] Heb. *Sheol.* to [3]the grave in peace. But shew kindness 7
unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled from Absalom thy brother. And, behold, there is with thee Shimei 8
the son of Gera, the Benjamite, of Bahurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I sware to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword. Now therefore hold him not 9
guiltless, for thou art a wise man; and thou wilt know what thou oughtest to do unto him, and thou shalt bring his hoar head down to [3]the grave with blood. And David slept with his 10
fathers, and was buried in the city of David. And the days that David reigned over Israel 11

were forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

12 And Solomon sat upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established
13 greatly. Then Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And
14 he said, Peaceably. He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say
15 on. And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my bro-
16 ther's: for it was his from the LORD. And now I ask one petition of thee, [1]deny me not.
17 And she said unto him, Say on. And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not say thee nay,) that he give me
18 Abishag the Shunammite to wife. And Bath-sheba said, Well; I will speak for thee unto
19 the king. Bath-sheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a throne to be set for the king's
20 mother; and she sat on his right hand. Then she said, I ask one small petition of thee; deny me not. And the king said unto her, Ask on,
21 my mother: for I will not deny thee. And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to
22 Adonijah thy brother to wife. And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son
23 of Zeruiah. Then king Solomon sware by the

[1] Heb. *turn not away my face.*

LORD, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life. Now therefore as the LORD 24
liveth, who hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me an house, as he promised, surely Adonijah shall be put to death this day. And 25
king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him, that he died. And unto Abiathar the priest said the 26
king, Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own
[1] Heb. *a man of.* fields; for thou art [1]worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the Lord GOD before David my father, and because thou wast afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted. So Solomon 27
thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the
[2] See 1 Sam. ii. 27—36. LORD; that he might fulfil [2]the word of the LORD, which he spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh. And the tidings came to Joab: 28
for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the Tent of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. And it was told 29
king Solomon, Joab is fled unto the Tent of the LORD, and, behold, he is by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him. And Benaiah came 30
to the Tent of the LORD, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me. And the king said 31
unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the blood, which Joab shed without cause, from me and from my father's house. And the 32
LORD shall return his blood upon his own head,

because he fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, and my father David knew it not, *to wit*, Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of
33 the host of Judah. So shall their blood return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed for ever: but unto David, and unto his seed, and unto his house, and unto his throne, shall there be peace for ever from the
34 LORD. Then Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and slew him; and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.
35 And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host: and Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar.
36 And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Build thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any
37 whither. For on the day thou goest out, and passest over the brook Kidron, know thou for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall
38 be upon thine own head. And Shimei said unto the king, The saying is good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. And
39 Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days. And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away unto Achish, son of Maacah, king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Behold, thy servants be in Gath.
40 And Shimei arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish, to seek his servants: and Shimei went, and brought his servants from
41 Gath. And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and was
42 come again. And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Did I not make thee to swear by the LORD, and protested unto

thee, saying, Know for certain, that on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad any whither, thou shalt surely die? and thou saidst unto me, The saying that I have heard is good. Why 43
then hast thou not kept the oath of the LORD, and the commandment that I have charged thee with? The king said moreover to Shimei, 44
Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father: therefore the LORD shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head. But king 45
Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD for ever. So the king commanded Benaiah the 46
son of Jehoiada; and he went out, and fell upon him, that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

And Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh 1 **3**
king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall of
Jerusalem round about. Only the people sacri- 2
ficed in the high places, because there was no house built for the name of the LORD until those days. And Solomon loved the LORD, 3
walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

[1] See 2 Chr. i. 3, &c.

[1]And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice 4
there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar. In Gibeon the LORD appeared to 5
Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. And Solomon 6
said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great kindness, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and

in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it
7 is this day. And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child; I know
8 not how to go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be num-
9 bered nor counted for multitude. Give thy servant therefore an [1]understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this thy
10 [2]great people? And the speech pleased the
11 Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself [3]long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to [4]discern judge-
12 ment; behold, I have done according to thy word: lo, I have given thee a wise and an [1]understanding heart; so that there hath been none like thee before thee, neither after thee
13 shall any arise like unto thee. And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and honour, so that there [5]shall not be any among the kings like unto thee, all thy
14 days. And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen
15 thy days. And Solomon awoke, and, behold, it was a dream: and he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

16 Then came there two women, that were har-

[1] Heb. *hearing.*
[2] Heb. *heavy.*
[3] Heb. *many days.*
[4] Heb. *hear.*
[5] Or, *hath not been*

lots, unto the king, and stood before him. And 17
the one woman said, Oh my lord, I and this
woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered
of a child with her in the house. And it came 18
to pass the third day after I was delivered, that
this woman was delivered also; and we were
together; there was no stranger with us in the
house, save we two in the house. And this 19
woman's child died in the night; because she
overlaid it. And she arose at midnight, and 20
took my son from beside me, while thine hand-
maid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid
her dead child in my bosom. And when I 21
rose in the morning to give my child suck,
behold, it was dead: but when I had considered
it in the morning, behold, it was not my son,
which I did bear. And the other woman said, 22
Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is
thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is
thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they
spake before the king. Then said the king, 23
The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and
thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay;
but thy son is the dead, and my son is the
living. And the king said, Fetch me a sword. 24
And they brought a sword before the king.
And the king said, Divide the living child in 25
two, and give half to the one, and half to the
other. Then spake the woman whose the living 26
child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned
upon her son, and she said, Oh my lord, give
her the living child, and in no wise slay it.
But the other said, It shall be neither mine
nor thine; divide it. Then the king answered 27
and said, Give her the living child, and in no
wise slay it: she is the mother thereof. And 28
all Israel heard of the judgement which the king
had judged; and they feared the king: for they

saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgement.

**4** 1 And king Solomon was king over all Israel.
2 And these were the princes which he had;
3 Azariah the son of Zadok, [1]the priest; Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha, [2]scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the [3]recorder;
4 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the host; and Zadok and Abiathar were priests;
5 and Azariah the son of Nathan was over [4]the officers; and Zabud the son of Nathan was
6 [5]priest, *and* the king's friend; and Ahishar was over the household; and Adoniram the son of
7 Abda was over the levy. And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which provided victuals for the king and his household: each man had to make provision for a month in the
8 year. And these are their names: Ben-hur, in
9 the hill country of Ephraim: Ben-deker, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth-shemesh, and
10 Elon-beth-hanan: Ben-hesed, in Arubboth; to him *pertained* Socoh, and all the land of Hepher:
11 Ben-abinadab, in all [6]the [7]height of Dor; he had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife:
12 Baana the son of Ahilud, in Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean which is beside Zarethan, beneath Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-
13 meholah, as far as [8]beyond Jokmeam: Ben-geber, in Ramoth-gilead; to him *pertained* [9]the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead; *even* to him *pertained* the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, threescore great cities with walls
14 and brasen bars: Ahinadab the son of Iddo, in
15 Mahanaim: Ahimaaz, in Naphtali; he also took Basemath the daughter of Solomon to wife:
16 Baana the son of Hushai, in Asher and [10]Bealoth:
17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar:
18, 19 Shimei the son of Ela, in Benjamin: Geber the

[1] See 1 Chr. vi. 10.
[2] Or, *secretaries*
[3] Or, *chronicler*
[4] See ver. 7.
[5] Or, *chief minister* See 2 Sam. viii. 18.
[6] Or, *Naphath-dor*
[7] Or, *region*
[8] Or, *over against*
[9] Or, *Havvoth-jair*
[10] Or, *in Aloth*

son of Uri, in the land of Gilead, the country of Sihon king of the Amorites and of Og king of Bashan; [1]and *he was* the only officer which was in the land. Judah and Israel were many, 20 as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking and making merry.

[1] Heb. *and one officer.*

[Ch. v. 1 in Heb.] [2] See 2 Chr. ix. 26.

[2]And Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms 21 from the River unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life. And Solomon's provision for one day was 22 thirty [3]measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal; ten fat oxen, and twenty 23 oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and gazelles, and roebucks, and fatted fowl. For he had dominion over all *the* 24 *region* [4]on this side the River, from Tiphsah even to Gaza, over all the kings [4]on this side the River: and he had peace [5]on all sides round about him. And Judah and Israel dwelt 25 safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon. And Solomon had [6]forty 26 thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. And those officers 27 provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they let nothing be lacking. Barley also and straw for the horses and swift 28 steeds brought they unto the place [7]where *the officers* were, every man according to his charge.

[3] Heb. *cor.*

[4] Or, *beyond the River*

[5] Some authorities read, *with all his servants.*

[6] In 2 Chr. ix. 25, *four thousand.*

[7] Or, *where he* (that is, the king) *was* Or, *where it should be*

And God gave Solomon wisdom and under- 29 standing exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore. And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of 30 all the children of the east, and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men; 31 than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and

Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his
32 fame was in all the nations round about. And
he spake three thousand proverbs: and his
33 songs were a thousand and five. And he spake
of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon even
unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall:
he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of
34 creeping things, and of fishes. And there came
of all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon,
from all kings of the earth, which had heard of
his wisdom.

5 1 [1]And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: [Ch. v. 15 in Heb.] [1] See 2 Chr. ii. 3, &c.
2 for Hiram was ever a lover of David. And
3 Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, Thou knowest
how that David my father could not build an
house for the name of the LORD his God for
the wars which were about him on every side,
until the LORD put them under the soles of his
4 feet. But now the LORD my God hath given
me rest on every side; there is neither ad-
5 versary, nor evil occurrent. And, behold, I
purpose to build an house for the name of the
LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto David
my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set
upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build the
6 house for my name. Now therefore command
thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Leba-
non; and my servants shall be with thy serv-
ants; and I will give thee hire for thy servants
according to all that thou shalt say: for thou
knowest that there is not among us any that
can skill to hew timber like unto the Zidonians.
7 And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the
words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and
said, Blessed be the LORD this day, which hath
given unto David a wise son over this great

people. And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, 8
I have heard *the message* which thou hast sent
unto me: I will do all thy desire concerning
[1] Or, *cypress* timber of cedar, and concerning timber of [1]fir.
My servants shall bring them down from Leba- 9
non unto the sea: and I will make them into
rafts to go by sea unto the place that thou shalt
appoint me, and will cause them to be broken
[2] Or, *carry them away* up there, and thou shalt [2]receive them: and
thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food
[3] Heb. *Hirom*, and in ver. 18. for my household. So [3]Hiram gave Solomon 10
timber of cedar and timber of fir according to
all his desire. And Solomon gave Hiram 11
[4] Heb. *cor*. twenty thousand [4]measures of wheat for food to
[5] Or, *beaten* his household, and twenty measures of [5]pure oil:
thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.
And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he 12
promised him; and there was peace between
Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a
league together.

And king Solomon raised a levy out of all 13
Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men.
And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a 14
month by courses: a month they were in Leba-
non, and two months at home: and Adoniram
was over the levy. And Solomon had three- 15
score and ten thousand that bare burdens, and
fourscore thousand that were hewers in the
mountains; besides Solomon's chief officers 16
that were over the work, three thousand and
three hundred, which bare rule over the people
that wrought in the work. And the king com- 17
[6] Or, *brought away* manded, and they [6]hewed out great stones,
costly stones, to lay the foundation of the house
with wrought stone. And Solomon's builders 18
and Hiram's builders and the Gebalites did
fashion them, and prepared the timber and the
stones to build the house.

6 1 [1]And it came to pass in the four hundred and eighty year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Ziv, which is the second month, that he 2 [2]began to build the house of the LORD. And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty *cubits*, and the 3 height thereof thirty cubits. And the porch before [3]the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; *and* ten cubits was the breadth 4 thereof before the house. And for the house 5 he made [4]windows of fixed lattice-work. And against the wall of the house he built stories round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of [5]the oracle: and he made side-chambers round 6 about: the nethermost story was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad: for on the outside he made rebatements *in the wall* of the house round about, that *the beams* should not 7 have hold in the walls of the house. And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready [6]at the quarry: and there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building. 8 The door for the [7]middle side-chambers was in the right [8]side of the house: and they went up by winding stairs into the middle *chambers*, and 9 out of the middle into the third. So he built the house, and finished it; and he covered the 10 house with beams and [9]planks of cedar. And he built the stories against all the house, each five cubits high: and [10]they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

[1] See 2 Chr. iii. 1, 2.

[2] Heb. *built*.

[3] That is, the holy place.

[4] Or, *windows broad* within, and *narrow* without.

[5] That is, the most holy place.

[6] Or, *when it was brought away*

[7] The Sept. and Targum have, *lowest*.

[8] Heb. *shoulder*.

[9] Heb. *rows*.

[10] Or, *he fastened the house*

And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, 11
saying, Concerning this house which thou art 12
in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes,
and execute my judgements, and keep all my
commandments to walk in them; then will I
establish my word with thee, which I spake
unto David thy father. And I will dwell among 13
the children of Israel, and will not forsake my
people Israel.

So Solomon built the house, and finished it. 14
And he built the walls of the house within with 15
boards of cedar; [1]from the floor of the house
unto the walls of the cieling, he covered them
on the inside with wood: and he covered the
floor of the house with boards of [2]fir. [3]And he 16
built twenty cubits on the hinder part of the
house with boards of cedar from the floor unto
the [4]walls: he even built *them* for it within, for
an oracle, even for the most holy place. And 17
the house, that is, the temple before *the oracle*,
was forty cubits *long*. And there was cedar on 18
the house within, carved with [5]knops and open
flowers: all was cedar; there was no stone
seen. And he prepared an oracle in the midst 19
of the house within, to set there the ark of the
covenant of the LORD. And within the oracle 20
was *a space of* twenty cubits in length, and twenty
cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height
thereof; and he overlaid it with pure gold: [6]and
he covered the altar with cedar. So Solomon 21
overlaid the house within with pure gold: and
he drew chains of gold across before the oracle;
and he overlaid it with gold. And the whole 22
house he overlaid with gold, until all the house
was finished: also the whole altar that belonged
to the oracle he overlaid with gold. [7]And in 23
the oracle he made two cherubim of olive wood,
each ten cubits high. And five cubits was the 24

[1] Or, *both the floor of the house and the walls &c.* and so ver. 16.
[2] Or, *cypress*
[3] See 2 Chr. iii. 8.
[4] The Sept. has, *beams*.
[5] Or, *gourds*
[6] Or, *he overlaid the altar also*, which was of *cedar*
[7] See 2 Chr. iii. 10—12.

one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part
25 of the other were ten cubits. And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubim were
26 of one measure and one form. The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of
27 the other cherub. And he set the cherubim within the inner house: and the wings of the cherubim were stretched forth, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of
28 the house. And he overlaid the cherubim with
29 gold. And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, within and
30 without. And the floor of the house he over-
31 laid with gold, within and without. And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive wood: the [1]lintel *and* door posts were a fifth [1] Or, *posts*
32 part *of the wall.* So *he made* two doors of olive wood; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold; and he spread the gold upon the cherubim, and upon the palm
33 trees. So also made he for the entering of the temple door posts of olive wood, out of a fourth
34 part *of the wall*; and two doors of [2]fir wood; [2] Or, *cypress* the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were
35 folding. And he carved *thereon* cherubim and palm trees and open flowers: and he overlaid them with gold fitted upon the graven work.
36 And he built the inner court with three rows of
37 hewn stone, and a row of cedar beams. In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of
38 the LORD laid, in the month Ziv. And in the

eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished [1]throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

[1] Or, *with all the appurtenances thereof, and with all the ordinances thereof*

7 And Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house. 1
For he built the house of the forest of Lebanon; 2
the length thereof was an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars. And 3
it was covered with cedar above over the forty and five [2]beams, that were upon the pillars; fifteen in a row. And there were [3]prospects in 4
three rows, and light was over against light in three ranks. And all the doors and posts 5
[4]were square in prospect: and light was over against light in three ranks. And he made 6
the porch of pillars; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits; and a porch before them; and pillars and [5]thick beams before them. And he made the porch 7
of the throne where he might judge, even the porch of judgement: and it was covered with cedar from floor to floor. And his house where 8
he might dwell, the other court within the porch, was of the like work. He made also an house for Pharaoh's daughter, (whom Solomon had taken to wife,) like unto this porch. All 9
these were of costly stones, even of hewn stone, [6]according to measure, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and so on the outside unto the great court. And the foundation was of costly stones, 10
even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits. And above were costly 11
stones, even hewn stone, according to measure,

[2] Or, *side-chambers* Heb. *ribs.*
[3] Or, *beams*
[4] Or, *were made square with beams*
[5] Or, *a threshold*
[6] Or, *after* divers *measures*

12 and cedar wood. And the great court round
about had three rows of hewn stone, and a row
of cedar beams; [1]like as the inner court of the
house of the LORD, and the porch of the house.
13 And king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram
14 out of Tyre. [2]He was the son of a widow
woman of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father
was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass; and he
was filled with wisdom and understanding and
cunning, to work all works in brass. And he
came to king Solomon, and wrought all his
15 work. For he fashioned the two pillars of
brass, [3]of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a
line of twelve cubits compassed [4]either of them
16 about. And he made two chapiters of molten
brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the
height of the one chapiter was five cubits, and
the height of the other chapiter was five cubits.
17 There were nets of checker work, and wreaths
of chain work, for the chapiters which were
upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one
18 chapiter, and seven for the other chapiter. So
he made the pillars; and there were two rows
round about upon the one network, to cover
the chapiters that were upon the top of the
[5]pillars: and so did he for the other chapiter.
19 And the chapiters that were upon the top of
the pillars in the porch were of lily work, four
20 cubits. And there were chapiters above also
upon the two pillars, close by the belly which
was beside the network: and the pomegranates
were two hundred, in rows round about upon
21 the other chapiter. [6]And he set up the pillars
at the porch of the temple: and he set up the
right pillar, and called the name thereof [7]Jachin:
and he set up the left pillar, and called the name
22 thereof [8]Boaz. And upon the top of the pillars
was lily work: so was the work of the pillars

[1] Or, *both for ...and for*

[2] See 2 Chr. ii. 14.

[3] Heb. *eighteen cubits was the height of one pillar.*

[4] Heb. *the other pillar.*

[5] So some ancient authorities. The text has, *pomegranates.*

[6] See 2 Chr. iii. 17.

[7] That is, *He shall establish.*

[8] That is, perhaps, *In it is strength.*

finished. [1]And he made the molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and the height thereof was five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits compassed it round about. And under the brim of it round about there were knops which did compass it, [2]for ten cubits, compassing the sea round about: the knops were in two rows, cast when it was cast. It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set upon them above, and all their hinder parts were inward. And it was an handbreadth thick; and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily: it held two thousand baths. And he made the ten bases of brass; four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it. And the work of the bases was on this manner: they had [3]borders; [4]and there were borders between the ledges: and on the borders that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubim; and upon the ledges [5]there was a pedestal above: and beneath the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging work. And every base had four brasen wheels, and axles of brass: and the four feet thereof had [6]undersetters: beneath the laver were the undersetters molten, with wreaths at the side of each. And the mouth of it within the chapiter and above was a cubit: and the mouth thereof was round after the work of a pedestal, a cubit and an half: and also upon the mouth of it were gravings, and their borders were foursquare, not round. And the four wheels were underneath the borders; and the axletrees of the wheels were in the base: and the height

23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32

[1] See 2 Chr. iv. 2, &c.

[2] Or, *ten in a cubit*

[3] Or, *panels* (and so in ver. 29, &c.)

[4] Or, *even borders*

[5] Or, *it was in like manner above*

[6] Heb. *shoulders.*

of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit. And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their felloes, and their spokes, and their naves, were all molten. And there were four undersetters at the four corners of each base: the undersetters thereof were of the base itself. And in the top of the base was there a round compass of half a cubit high: and on the top of the base the [1]stays thereof and the borders thereof were of the same. And on the plates of the stays thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubim, lions, and palm trees, according to the space of each, with wreaths round about. [2]After this manner he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one form. [3]And he made ten lavers of brass: one laver contained forty baths: and every laver was four cubits: and upon every one of the ten bases one laver. And he set the bases, five on the right [4]side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward, toward the south. And [5]Hiram made the [6]lavers, and the shovels, and the basons. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he wrought for king Solomon in the house of the LORD: the two pillars, and the two bowls of the chapiters that were on the top of the pillars; and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the chapiters that were on the top of the pillars; and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks; two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters that were [7]upon the pillars; and the ten bases, and the ten lavers on the bases; and the one sea, and the twelve oxen under the sea; and the pots, and the shovels, and the basons: even all [8]these vessels, which

[1] Heb. *hands.*

[2] See 2 Chr. iv. 14.

[3] See 2 Chr. iv. 6, &c.

[4] Heb. *shoulder.*

[5] Heb. *Hirom.*

[6] Many ancient authorities read, *pots.*

[7] Heb. *upon the face of the pillars.*

[8] Another reading is, *the vessels of the Tent.*

Hiram made for king Solomon, in the house of the LORD, were of burnished brass. In the plain 46
of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarethan. And 47
Solomon left all the vessels *unweighed*, because they were exceeding many: the weight of the
[1] Or, *was not searched out* brass [1]could not be found out. And Solomon 48
made all the vessels that were in the house of the LORD: the golden altar, and the table whereupon the shewbread was, of gold; and the candle- 49
sticks, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, of pure gold; and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, of gold; and the 50
cups, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the firepans, of pure gold; and the hinges, both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the
[2] See 2 Chr. v. 1, &c. house, *to wit*, of the temple, of gold. [2]Thus all 51
the work that king Solomon wrought in the house of the LORD was finished. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated, *even* the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, and put them in the treasuries of the house of the LORD.

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, 1 **8**
and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers' *houses* of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. And all the men of 2
Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast, in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. And all the elders of 3
Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and 4
the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent; even these did the priests and the Levites bring up. And king Solomon 5

and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not
6 be told nor numbered for multitude. And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto its place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the
7 wings of the cherubim. For the cherubim spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and the
8 staves thereof above. And [1]the staves were so long that the ends of the staves were seen from the holy place before the oracle; but they were not seen without: and there they are,
9 unto this day. There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, [2]when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they
10 came out of the land of Egypt. And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the
11 LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

12 [3]Then spake Solomon, The LORD hath said
13 that he would dwell in the thick darkness. I have surely built thee an house of habitation,
14 a place for thee to dwell in for ever. And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the congregation of Israel: and all the congregation
15 of Israel stood. And he said, Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, which spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his
16 hand fulfilled it, saying, Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house, that my name might be there; but I chose David to be over my people Israel.

[1] Or, *they drew out the staves, so that &c.*

[2] Or, *where*

[3] See 2 Chr. vi. 1, &c.

Now it was in the heart of David my father to 17
build an house for the name of the LORD, the
God of Israel. But the LORD said unto David 18
my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to
build an house for my name, thou didst well
that it was in thine heart: nevertheless thou 19
shalt not build the house; but thy son that
shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build
the house for my name. And the LORD hath 20
established his word that he spake; for I am
risen up in the room of David my father, and
sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD pro-
mised, and have built the house for the name of
the LORD, the God of Israel. And there have 21
I set a place for the ark, wherein is the covenant
of the LORD, which he made with our fathers,
when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

And Solomon stood before the altar of the 22
LORD in the presence of all the congregation
of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward
heaven: and he said, O LORD, the God of 23
Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven
above, or on earth beneath; who keepest coven-
Or, *for* ant and mercy [1]with thy servants, that walk
before thee with all their heart: who hast kept 24
with thy servant David my father that which
thou didst promise him: yea, thou spakest with
thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand,
as it is this day. Now therefore, O LORD, the 25
God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my
father that which thou hast promised him, say-
[2] Heb. *There shall not be cut off unto thee a man from my sight.* ing, [2]There shall not fail thee a man in my
sight to sit on the throne of Israel; if only
thy children take heed to their way, to walk
before me as thou hast walked before me. Now 26
therefore, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray
thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy
servant David my father. But will God in 27

very deed dwell on the earth? behold, heaven
and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee;
how much less this house that I have builded!
28 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy
servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my
God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer
which thy servant prayeth before thee this day:
29 that thine eyes may be open toward this house
night and day, even toward the place whereof
thou hast said, My name shall be there: to
hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall
30 pray toward this place. And hearken thou to
the supplication of thy servant, and of thy
people Israel, when they shall pray toward this
place: yea, hear thou in heaven thy dwelling
31 place; and when thou hearest, forgive. [1]If a
man sin against his neighbour, and an oath be
laid upon him to cause him to swear, and he
come *and* swear before thine altar in this house:
32 then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge
thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring
his way upon his own head; and justifying the
righteous, to give him according to his right-
33 eousness. When thy people Israel be smitten
down before the enemy, because they have
sinned against thee; if they turn again to thee,
and confess thy name, and pray and make sup-
34 plication unto thee in this house: then hear
thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy
people Israel, and bring them again unto the
land which thou gavest unto their fathers.
35 When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain,
because they have sinned against thee; if they
pray toward this place, and confess thy name,
and turn from their sin, [2]when thou [3]dost afflict
36 them: then hear thou in heaven, and forgive
the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel,
[2]when thou teachest them the good way wherein

[1] Or, *Where-insoever a man shall sin*

[2] Or, *because*
[3] Or, *answerest*

they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance. If there be in the land famine, if 37
there be pestilence, if there be blasting *or* mildew, locust *or* caterpiller; if their enemy
[1] Heb. *gates.* besiege them in the land of their [1]cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be;
what prayer and supplication soever be made 38
by any man, *or* by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house: then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling 39
place, and forgive, and do, and render unto every man according to all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;)
that they may fear thee all the days that they 40
live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers. Moreover concerning the stranger, 41
that is not of thy people Israel, when he shall come out of a far country for thy name's sake;
(for they shall hear of thy great name, and of 42
thy mighty hand, and of thy stretched out arm;)
when he shall come and pray toward this house;
hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do 43
according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all the peoples of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as doth thy people
[2] Or, *thy name is called upon this house &c.* Israel, and that they may know that [2]this house which I have built is called by thy name. If 44
thy people go out to battle against their enemy, by whatsoever way thou shalt send them, and they pray unto the LORD toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name: then hear thou in 45
heaven their prayer and their supplication, and
[3] Or, *right* maintain their [3]cause. If they sin against thee, 46
(for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou

be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that [1]they carry them away captive unto the land of the enemy, far off or near;
47 yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn again, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captive, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have
48 dealt wickedly; if they return unto thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, which carried them captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which
49 I have built for thy name: then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy
50 dwelling place, and maintain their [2]cause; and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee; and give them [3]compassion before those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them:
51 for they be thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from
52 the midst of the furnace of iron: that thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them whensoever they
53 cry unto thee. For thou didst separate them from among all the peoples of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD.

54 [4]And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees
55 with his hands spread forth toward heaven. And

[1] Heb. *they that take them captive carry them away.*

[2] Or, *right*

[3] Heb. *to be for compassion.*

[4] See 2 Chr. vii. 1, &c.

he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying, Blessed be the 56
LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there
[1] Heb. *fallen.* hath not [1]failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant. The LORD our God be with us, as he 57
was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us: that he may incline our hearts unto 58
him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgements, which he commanded our fathers. And 59
let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his
[2] Heb. *the thing of a day in its day.* people Israel, [2]as every day shall require: that 60
all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD, he is God; there is none else. Let your 61
heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day. And the king, 62
and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD. And Solomon offered for the sacri- 63
fice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD. The same day did the 64
king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD; for there he offered the burnt offering, and the meal offering, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brasen altar that was before the LORD was too little to receive the burnt offering, and the meal offering, and the fat of the peace offerings. So 65
Solomon held the feast at that time, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the

entering in of Hamath unto the brook of Egypt,
before the LORD our God, seven days and seven
66 days, even fourteen days. On the eighth day
he sent the people away, and they blessed the
king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad
of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had
shewed unto David his servant, and to Israel
his people.

9 1 [1]And it came to pass, when Solomon had
finished the building of the house of the LORD,
and the king's house, and all Solomon's [2]desire
2 which he was pleased to do, that the LORD
appeared to Solomon the second time, as he
3 had appeared unto him at Gibeon. And the
LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer
and thy supplication, that thou hast made before
me: I have hallowed this house, which thou
hast built, to put my name there for ever; and
mine eyes and mine heart shall be there per-
4 petually. And as for thee, if thou wilt walk
before me, as David thy father walked, in in-
tegrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do ac-
cording to all that I have commanded thee,
and wilt keep my statutes and my judgements;
5 then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom
over Israel for ever; according as I [3]promised
to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail
6 thee a man upon the throne of Israel. But if
ye shall turn away from following me, ye or your
children, and not keep my commandments and
my statutes which I have set before you, but
shall go and serve other gods, and worship them:
7 then will I cut off Israel out of the land which
I have given them; and this house, which I have
hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my
sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a by-
8 word among all peoples: [4]and though this house
be so high, yet shall every one that passeth by

[1] See 2 Chr. vii. 11, &c.

[2] Or, *delight*

[3] Or, *spake concerning*

[4] Or, *and this house shall be high; every one &c.*

it be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house? And they shall answer, 9
Because they forsook the LORD their God, which brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought all this evil upon them.

[1] See 2 Chr. viii. 1, &c.

[1]And it came to pass at the end of twenty 10
years, wherein Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD and the king's house, (now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished 11
Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. And Hiram came out from 12
Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not. And he said, 13
What cities are these which thou hast given me, my brother? And [2]he called them the land of Cabul, unto this day. And Hiram sent 14
to the king sixscore talents of gold.

[2] Or, *they were called*

[3] Or, *account*

And this is the [3]reason of the levy which 15
king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer. Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, 16
and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it for a portion unto his daughter, Solomon's wife.
And Solomon built Gezer, and Beth-horon the 17
nether, and Baalath, and [4]Tamar in the wilder- 18
ness, in the land, and all the store cities that Solo- 19
mon had, and the cities for his chariots, and the cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.
As for all the people that were left of the Amorites, 20

[4] Another reading is, *Tadmor*. So 2 Chr. viii. 4.

the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which were not of the children of
21 Israel; their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel were not able utterly to destroy, of them did Solomon
22 raise a levy of bondservants, unto this day. But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no bondservants: but they were the men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots and of his
23 horsemen. These were the chief officers that were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in
24 the work. But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which *Solomon* had built for her: then did he build Millo.
25 And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, burning incense therewith, *upon the altar* that was before the LORD. So he finished the house.
26 And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore
27 of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom. And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants
28 of Solomon. And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.

**10** 1 [1]And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard ques-
2 tions. And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with
3 him of all that was in her heart. And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any

[1] See 2 Chr. ix. 1, &c.

thing hid from the king which he told her not.
And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the 4
wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had
built, and the meat of his table, and the sitting 5
of his servants, and the [1]attendance of his min-
isters, and their apparel, and his cupbearers,
and [2]his ascent by which he went up unto the
house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in
her. And she said to the king, It was a true 6
report that I heard in mine own land of thine
[3]acts, and of thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed 7
not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had
seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me:
[4]thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame
which I heard. Happy are thy men, happy are 8
these thy servants, which stand continually be-
fore thee, *and* that hear thy wisdom. Blessed 9
be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee,
to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the
LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he
thee king, to do judgement and justice. And 10
she gave the king an hundred and twenty
talents of gold, and of spices very great store,
and precious stones: there came no more such
abundance of spices as these which the queen
of Sheba gave to king Solomon. And the navy 11
also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir,
brought in from Ophir great plenty of [5]almug
trees and precious stones. And the king made 12
of the almug trees [6]pillars for the house of the
LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and
psalteries for the singers: there came no such
almug trees, nor were seen, unto this day. And 13
king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all
her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that
[7]which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty.
So she turned, and went to her own land, she
and her servants.

[1] Heb. *standing.*

[2] Or, *his burnt offering which he offered in &c.*

[3] Or, *sayings*

[4] Heb. *thou hast added wisdom and goodness to the fame.*

[5] In 2 Chr. ii. 8, ix. 10, *algum trees.* Perhaps, *sandal wood.*

[6] Or, *a railing* Heb. *a prop.*

[7] Heb. *which he gave her according to the hand of king Solomon.*

14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon
in one year was six hundred threescore and six
15 talents of gold, beside *that which* the chapmen
*brought*, and the traffic of the merchants, and of
all the kings of the mingled people, and of the
16 governors of the country. And king Solomon
made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six
hundred *shekels* of gold went to one target.
17 And *he made* three hundred shields of beaten
gold; three [1]pound of gold went to one shield: [1] Heb. *maneh.*
and the king put them in the house of the forest
18 of Lebanon. Moreover the king made a great
throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the finest
19 gold. There were six steps to the throne, and
the top of the throne was round behind: and
there were [2]stays on either side by the place of [2] Or, *arms* Heb. *hands.*
the seat, and two lions standing beside the stays.
20 And twelve lions stood there on the one side
and on the other upon the six steps: there was
21 not the like made in any kingdom. And all
king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold,
and all the vessels of the house of the forest of
Lebanon were of pure gold: none were of
silver; it was nothing accounted of in the days
22 of Solomon. For the king had at sea a navy
of Tarshish with the navy of Hiram: once
every three years came the navy of Tarshish,
bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and
23 peacocks. So king Solomon exceeded all the
24 kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom. And
all the earth sought the presence of Solomon,
to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his
25 heart. And they brought every man his
present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold,
and raiment, and armour, and spices, horses,
26 and mules, a rate year by year. [3]And Solomon [3] See 2 Chr. i. 14—17.
gathered together chariots and horsemen: and
he had a thousand and four hundred chariots,

and twelve thousand horsemen, which he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. And the king made silver to be 27
in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore trees that are in the lowland,
[1] See 2 Chr. i. 16, ix. 28. for abundance. [1]And the horses which Solomon 28
had were brought out of Egypt; and the king's merchants received them in droves, each drove at a price. And a chariot came up and went 29
out of Egypt for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the
[2] Heb. *in their hand.* kings of Syria, did they bring them out [2]by their means.

Now king Solomon loved many strange 1 **11**
[3] Or, *besides* women, [3]together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; of the nations con- 2
cerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go among them, neither shall they come among you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. And he 3
had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. For it came to pass, when Solomon 4
was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father. For Solomon went after Ash- 5
toreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. And Solomon did that which was evil in the 6
sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father. Then did 7
Solomon build an high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, in the mount that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomin-

8 ation of the children of Ammon. And so did
he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense
and sacrificed unto their gods.
9 And the LORD was angry with Solomon,
because his heart was turned away from the
LORD, the God of Israel, which had appeared
10 unto him twice, and had commanded him con-
cerning this thing, that he should not go after
other gods: but he kept not that which the
11 LORD commanded. Wherefore the LORD said
unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this [1]is done of
thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and
my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I
will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and
12 will give it to thy servant. Notwithstanding in
thy days I will not do it, for David thy father's
sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy
13 son. Howbeit I will not rend away all the
kingdom; but I will give one tribe to thy son,
for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's
sake which I have chosen.
14 And the LORD raised up an adversary unto
Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he was of the
15 king's seed in Edom. For it came to pass,
when David [2]was in Edom, and Joab the capt-
ain of the host was gone up to bury the slain,
16 and had smitten every male in Edom; (for Joab
and all Israel remained there six months, until he
17 had cut off every male in Edom;) that Hadad
fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's
servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad
18 being yet a little child. And they arose out
of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took
men with them out of Paran, and they came to
Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which
gave him an house, and appointed him victuals,
19 and gave him land. And Hadad found great
favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave

[1] Heb. *is with thee.*

[2] The Sept. and Syr. read, *destroyed Edom.*

him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen. And the sister of 20
Tahpenes bare him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath was in Pharaoh's house among the sons of Pharaoh. And when Hadad heard in Egypt 21
that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country. Then Pharaoh said unto 22
him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit let me depart in any wise.

And God raised up *another* adversary unto 23
him, Rezon the son of Eliada, which had fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah: and 24
he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a troop, when David slew them *of Zobah*: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus. And he was an ad- 25
versary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad *did*: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraim- 26
ite of Zeredah, a servant of Solomon, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman, he also lifted up his hand against the king. And 27
this was the cause that he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and
[1] Heb. *closed up.* [1]repaired the breach of the city of David his father. And the man Jeroboam was a mighty 28
man of valour: and Solomon saw the young man that he was industrious, and he gave him
[2] Heb. *burden.* charge over all the [2]labour of the house of Joseph. And it came to pass at that time, when 29
Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the

way; now *Ahijah* had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field.
30 And Ahijah laid hold of the new garment that
31 was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces. And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of
32 Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee: (but he shall have one tribe, for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:)
33 because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon; and they have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and *to keep* my statutes and my judgements, as did David his
34 father. Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life, for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, [1]because he kept
35 my commandments and my statutes: but I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and
36 will give it unto thee, even ten tribes. And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a lamp alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me
37 to put my name there. And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign [2]according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.
38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that which is right in mine eyes, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and will build thee a sure house, as I built for
39 David, and will give Israel unto thee. And I

[1] Or, *who kept*

[2] Or, *over all*

will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever. Solomon sought therefore to kill Jero- 40
boam: but Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

[1] See 2 Chr. ix. 29, &c.
[2] Or, *words* Or, *matters*

[1]Now the rest of the [2]acts of Solomon, and 41
all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon? And the time that Solomon reigned in Jeru- 42
salem over all Israel was forty years. And 43
Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

[3] See 2 Chr. x. 1, &c.

[3]And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all 1 **12**
Israel were come to Shechem to make him king. And it came to pass, when Jeroboam 2
the son of Nebat heard of it, (for he was yet in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt, and they sent and called him;) that Jeroboam 3
and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying, Thy father made 4
our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee. And he said unto them, 5
Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed. And king Re- 6
hoboam took counsel with the old men, that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye me to return answer to this people? And they spake 7
unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever. But 8
he forsook the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and took counsel with the

young men that were grown up with him, that
9 stood before him. And he said unto them,
What counsel give ye, that we may return
answer to this people, who have spoken to me,
saying, Make the yoke that thy father did put
10 upon us lighter? And the young men that
were grown up with him spake unto him, say-
ing, Thus shalt thou say unto this people that
spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our
yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us;
thus shalt thou speak unto them, My little finger
11 is thicker than my father's loins. And now
whereas my father did lade you with a heavy
yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father
chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you
12 with scorpions. So Jeroboam and all the people
came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king
bade, saying, Come to me again the third day.
13 And the king answered the people roughly, and
forsook the counsel of the old men which they
14 had given him; and spake to them after the
counsel of the young men, saying, My father
made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your
yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but
15 I will chastise you with scorpions. So the king
hearkened not unto the people; for it was a
thing brought about of the LORD, that he might
establish his word, which the LORD spake by
the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam
16 the son of Nebat. And when all Israel saw
that the king hearkened not unto them, the peo-
ple answered the king, saying, What portion
have we in David? neither have we inheritance
in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now
see to thine own house, David. So Israel de-
17 parted unto their tents. But as for the children
of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah,
18 Rehoboam reigned over them. Then king

Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the levy; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. And king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. 19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David, unto this day. 20 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was returned, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

[1] See 2 Chr. xi. 1, &c.

21 [1]And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, and the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon. 22 But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying, 23 Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the

[2] See ver. 17.

[2]rest of the people, saying, 24 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is of me. So they hearkened unto the word of the LORD, and returned and went their way, according to the word of the LORD.

25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and he went out from thence, and built Penuel. 26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David: 27 if this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah; and they shall kill me, and return to Rehoboam king of Judah. 28 Whereupon the

king took counsel, and made two calves of gold; and he said unto them, [1]It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

[1] Or, *Ye have gone up long enough*

29 And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other put
30 he in Dan. And this thing became a sin: for the people went *to worship* before [2]the one, even
31 unto Dan. And he made houses of high places, and made priests from among all the people,
32 which were not of the sons of Levi. And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he [3]went up unto the altar; so did he in Beth-el, [4]sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places which he had made.

[2] Or, *each of them*

[3] Or, *offered upon*

[4] Or, *to sacrifice*

33 And he [3]went up unto the altar which he had made in Beth-el on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised [5]of his own heart: and he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and [3]went up unto the altar, to burn incense.

[5] Another reading is, *apart.*

**13** 1 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Beth-el: and Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn
2 incense. And he cried against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD: Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he sacrifice the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and
3 men's bones shall they burn upon thee. And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken: Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon
4 it shall be poured out. And it came to pass, when the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar in Beth-el,

that Jeroboam put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not draw it back again to him. The altar 5
also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD. And 6
the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the favour of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God intreated the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before. And the king said unto the man of God, Come 7
home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward. And the man of God said 8
unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place: for so 9
was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, Thou shalt eat no bread, nor drink water, neither return by the way that thou camest. So 10
he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.

Now there dwelt an old prophet in Beth-el; 11
[1] Heb. *his son.* and [1]one of his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Beth-el: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them also they told unto their father. And their father said unto them, What way went 12
[2] According to some ancient versions, *And his sons shewed him.* he? [2]Now his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah. And he 13
said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon. And 14
[3] Or, *terebinth* he went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an [3]oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am. Then he said 15

unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.
16 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go
in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink
17 water with thee in this place: for it was said to
me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no
bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to
18 go by the way that thou camest. And he said
unto him, I also am a prophet as thou art; and
an angel spake unto me by the word of the
LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into
thine house, that he may eat bread and drink
19 water. *But* he lied unto him. So he went back
with him, and did eat bread in his house, and
20 drank water. And it came to pass, as they sat
at the table, that the word of the LORD came
21 unto the prophet that brought him back: and he
cried unto the man of God that came from
Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch
as thou hast [1]been disobedient unto the mouth of
the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment
22 which the LORD thy God commanded thee, but
camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk
water in the place of the which he said to thee,
Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase
shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.
23 And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread,
and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him
the ass, *to wit*, for the prophet whom he had
24 brought back. And when he was gone, a lion
met him by the way, and slew him: and his
carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood
25 by it; the lion also stood by the carcase. And,
behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast
in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase:
and they came and told it in the city where the
26 old prophet dwelt. And when the prophet that
brought him back from the way heard thereof,
he said, It is the man of God, who [1]was disobed-

[1] Or, *rebelled against the word*

ient unto the mouth of the LORD: therefore the
LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which
hath torn him, and slain him, according to the
word of the LORD, which he spake unto him.
And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me 27
the ass. And they saddled it. And he went 28
and found his carcase cast in the way, and the
ass and the lion standing by the carcase: the
lion had not eaten the carcase, nor torn the ass.
And the prophet took up the carcase of the man 29
of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it
back: and he came to the city of the old prophet,
to mourn, and to bury him. And he laid his 30
carcase in his own grave; and they mourned
over him, *saying*, Alas, my brother! And it 31
came to pass, after he had buried him, that he
spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then
bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of
God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones.
For the saying which he cried by the word of 32
the LORD against the altar in Beth-el, and against
all the houses of the high places which are in the
cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

After this thing Jeroboam returned not from 33
his evil way, but made again from among all
the people priests of the high places: [1]whoso-
ever would, he consecrated him, that there
might be priests of the high places. And [2]this 34
thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam,
even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the
face of the earth.

[1] Or, *whomsoever he would*

[2] Or, *by this thing he became*

At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell 1 **14**
sick. And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I 2
pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be
not known to be the wife of Jeroboam: and get
thee to Shiloh; behold, there is Ahijah the pro-
phet, which spake concerning me that I should
be king over this people. And take with thee 3

ten loaves, and cracknels, and a [1]cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall
4 become of the child. And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. Now Ahijah could not see; for his eyes were set by reason of his age.
5 And the LORD said unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to inquire of thee concerning her son; for he is sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself to be
6 another woman. And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feignest thou thyself to be another? for I am sent to thee with heavy tidings.
7 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee [2]prince
8 over my people Israel, and rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee: and yet thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only
9 which was right in mine eyes; but hast done evil above all that were before thee, and hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast
10 me behind thy back: therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every man child, him that is shut up and him that is left at large in Israel, and will utterly sweep away the house of Jeroboam, as a man sweepeth away dung, till it
11 be all gone. Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the
12 LORD hath spoken it. Arise thou therefore,

[1] Or, *bottle*

[2] Or, *leader*

get thee to thine house: *and* when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die. And all 13
Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him; for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave: because in him there is found some good thing toward the LORD, the God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam. Moreover the LORD shall 14
raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut
[1] Or, *and what even now?*
off the house of Jeroboam that day: [1]but what? even now. For the LORD shall smite Israel, as 15
a reed is shaken in the water; and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the River; because they have made their Asherim, provoking the LORD to anger. And 16
he shall give Israel up because of the sins of
[2] Or, *who did sin, and who made &c.*
Jeroboam, [2]which he hath sinned, and wherewith he hath made Israel to sin. And Jeroboam's 17
wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: *and* as she came to the threshold of the house, the child died. And all Israel buried him, and 18
mourned for him; according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet. And the rest of 19
the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. And 20
the days which Jeroboam reigned were two and twenty years: and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

[3] See 2 Chr. xii. 13.
[3]And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned 21
in Judah. Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there: and his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. And Judah did 22
that which was evil in the sight of the LORD;

and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they committed, above all that their
23 fathers had done. For they also built them high places, and [1]pillars, and Asherim, on every
24 high hill, and under every green tree; and there were also [2]sodomites in the land: they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD drave out before the children of
25 Israel. [3]And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt
26 came up against Jerusalem: and he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of
27 gold which Solomon had made. And king Rehoboam made in their stead shields of brass, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the [4]guard, which kept the door of the king's
28 house. And it was so, that as oft as the king went into the house of the LORD, the guard bare them, and brought them back into the
29 guard chamber. [5]Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings
30 of Judah? And there was war between Reho-
31 boam and Jeroboam continually. And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. And [6]Abijam his son reigned in his stead.

15 1 [7]Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat began Abijam to reign
2 over Judah. Three years reigned he in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was [8]Maacah the
3 daughter of [9]Abishalom. And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father.

[1] Or, *obelisks*

[2] See Deut. xxiii. 17.

[3] See 2 Chr. xii. 2, 9–11.

[4] Heb. *runners.*

[5] See 2 Chr. xii. 15, 16.

[6] In 2 Chr. xii. 16, *Abijah.*

[7] See 2 Chr. xiii. 1, &c.

[8] In 2 Chr. xiii. 2, *Michaiah the daughter of Uriel.*

[9] In 2 Chr. xi. 20, 21, *Absalom.*

Nevertheless for David's sake did the LORD 4
his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set
up his son after him, and to establish Jerusa-
lem: because David did that which was right 5
in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside
from any thing that he commanded him all the
days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah
the Hittite. Now there was war between [1]Re- 6
hoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.
And the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that 7
he did, are they not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there
was war between Abijam and Jeroboam. [2]And 8
Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried
him in the city of David: and Asa his son
reigned in his stead.

And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king 9
of Israel began Asa to reign over Judah. And 10
forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem:
and his mother's name was Maacah the daugh-
ter of Abishalom. And Asa did that which 11
was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David
his father. And he put away the sodomites out 12
of the land, and removed all the idols that his
fathers had made. [3]And also Maacah his 13
mother he removed from being [4]queen, because
she had made an abominable image [5]for an
Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and
burnt it at the brook Kidron. But the high 14
places were not taken away: nevertheless the
heart of Asa was perfect with the LORD all his
days. And he brought into the house of the 15
LORD the things that his father had dedicated,
and the things that himself had dedicated, silver,
and gold, and vessels. And there was war 16
between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their
days. [6]And Baasha king of Israel went up 17
against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might

[1] According to some authorities, *Abijam*.

[2] See 2 Chr. xiv. 1, &c.

[3] See 2 Chr. xv. 16—18.

[4] Or, *queen mother*

[5] Or, *for Asherah*

[6] See 2 Chr. xvi. 1—6.

not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king
18 of Judah. Then Asa took all the silver and the
gold that were left in the treasures of the house
of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's
house, and delivered them into the hand of his
servants: and king Asa sent them to Ben-
hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of
Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus,
19 saying, [1] *There is* a league between me and thee, [1] Or, Let there be
between my father and thy father: behold, I
have sent unto thee a present of silver and
gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of
20 Israel, that he may depart from me. And Ben-
hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the
captains of his armies against the cities of Israel,
and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maacah,
and all Chinneroth, with all the land of Naph-
21 tali. And it came to pass, when Baasha heard
thereof, that he left off building of Ramah, and
22 dwelt in Tirzah. Then king Asa made a pro-
clamation unto all Judah; none was exempted:
and they carried away the stones of Ramah,
and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had
builded; and king Asa built therewith Geba of
23 Benjamin, and Mizpah. [2]Now the rest of all [2] See 2 Chr. xvi. 11—14.
the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that
he did, and the cities which he built, are they
not written in the book of the chronicles of
the kings of Judah? But in the time of his
24 old age he was diseased in his feet. And Asa
slept with his fathers, and was buried with his
fathers in the city of David his father: and
Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.
25 And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to
reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king
of Judah, and he reigned over Israel two years.
26 And he did that which was evil in the sight
of the LORD, and walked in the way of his

father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin. And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the 27
house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel were laying siege to Gibbethon. Even in 28
the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead. And it came 29
to pass that, as soon as he was king, he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him; according unto the saying of the LORD, which he spake by the hand of his servant Ahijah the Shilonite: for the sins of Jeroboam which he 30
sinned, and wherewith he made Israel to sin; because of his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger.
Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that 31
he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? And there 32
was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

In the third year of Asa king of Judah began 33
Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, *and reigned* twenty and four years.
And he did that which was evil in the sight of 34
the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.
And the word of the LORD came to Jehu the 1 **16**
son of Hanani against Baasha, saying, Foras- 2
much as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee [1]prince over my people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins; behold, I will utterly sweep 3
away Baasha and his house; and I will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. Him that dieth of Baasha in the city 4

[1] Or, *leader*

shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in
5 the field shall the fowls of the air eat. Now the
rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and
his might, are they not written in the book of
6 the chronicles of the kings of Israel? And
Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in
Tirzah; and Elah his son reigned in his stead.
7 And moreover by the hand of the prophet Jehu
the son of Hanani came the word of the LORD
against Baasha, and against his house, both be-
cause of all the evil that he did in the sight of
the LORD, to provoke him to anger with the
work of his hands, in being like the house of
Jeroboam, and because he smote [1]him.

[1] Or, *it*

8 In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of
Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign
over Israel in Tirzah, *and reigned* two years.
9 And his servant Zimri, captain of half his
chariots, conspired against him: now he was in
Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of
Arza, which was over the household in Tirzah:
10 and Zimri went in and smote him, and killed
him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king
11 of Judah, and reigned in his stead. And it came
to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he
sat on his throne, that he smote all the house
of Baasha: he left him not a single man child,
12 neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends. Thus
did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, ac-
cording to the word of the LORD, which he spake
13 against Baasha by Jehu the prophet, for all the
sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son,
which they sinned, and wherewith they made
Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD, the God of
14 Israel, to anger with their vanities. Now the
rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, are
they not written in the book of the chronicles of
the kings of Israel?

In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king 15
of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah.
Now the people were encamped against Gib-
bethon, which belonged to the Philistines. And 16
the people that were encamped heard say, Zimri
hath conspired, and hath also smitten the king:
wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of
the host, king over Israel that day in the camp.
And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all 17
Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.
And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the 18
[1] Or, *palace* city was taken, that he went into the [1]castle of
the king's house, and burnt the king's house
over him with fire, and died, for his sins which 19
he sinned in doing that which was evil in the
sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of
Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make
Israel to sin. Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, 20
and his treason that he wrought, are they not
written in the book of the chronicles of the
kings of Israel?

Then were the people of Israel divided into 21
two parts: half of the people followed Tibni
the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half fol-
lowed Omri. But the people that followed Omri 22
prevailed against the people that followed Tibni
the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri
reigned. In the thirty and first year of Asa 23
king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel,
*and reigned* twelve years: six years reigned he
[2] Heb. *Shomeron.* in Tirzah. And he bought the hill [2]Samaria of 24
[3] Or, *fortified the hill* Shemer for two talents of silver; and he [3]built
on the hill, and called the name of the city which
he built, after the name of Shemer, the owner of
the hill, [2]Samaria. And Omri did that which 25
was evil in the sight of the LORD, and dealt
wickedly above all that were before him. For 26
he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of

Nebat, and in his sins wherewith he made Israel
to sin, to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel,
27 to anger with their vanities. Now the rest of
the acts of Omri which he did, and his might
that he shewed, are they not written in the book
28 of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? So
Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in
Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his
stead.

29 And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king
of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign
over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned
over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.
30 And Ahab the son of Omri did that which was
evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were
31 before him. And it came to pass, as if it had
been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of
Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife
[1]Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the
Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and wor-
32 shipped him. And he reared up an altar for
Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in
33 Samaria. And Ahab made [2]the Asherah; and
Ahab did yet more to provoke the LORD, the
God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of
34 Israel that were before him. [3]In his days did
Hiel the Beth-elite build Jericho: he laid the
foundation thereof with the loss of Abiram his
firstborn, and set up the gates thereof with the
loss of his youngest son Segub; according to
the word of the LORD, which he spake by the
hand of Joshua the son of Nun.

**17** 1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was [4]of the
sojourners of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the
LORD, the God of Israel, liveth, before whom I
stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these
2 years, but according to my word. And the
3 word of the LORD came unto him, saying, Get

[1] Heb. *Izebel.*

[2] See 2 Kings xiii. 6.

[3] See Josh. vi. 26.

[4] According to the Sept., *of Tishbeh of Gilead.*

thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide
thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before
Jordan. And it shall be, that thou shalt drink 4
of the brook; and I have commanded the
ravens to feed thee there. So he went and did 5
according unto the word of the LORD: for he
went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is
before Jordan. And the ravens brought him 6
bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and
flesh in the evening; and he drank of the
brook. And it came to pass after a while, that 7
the brook dried up, because there was no rain
in the land.

And the word of the LORD came unto him, 8
saying, Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which 9
belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold,
I have commanded a widow woman there to
sustain thee. So he arose and went to Zare- 10
phath; and when he came to the gate of the
city, behold, a widow woman was there gather-
ing sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch
me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that
I may drink. And as she was going to fetch 11
it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray
thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. And 12
she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have
not a cake, but an handful of meal in the barrel,
and a little oil in the cruse: and, behold, I am
gathering two sticks, that I may go in and
dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it,
and die. And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; 13
go and do as thou hast said: but make me
thereof a little cake first, and bring it forth unto
me, and afterward make for thee and for thy
son. For thus saith the LORD, the God of 14
Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste,
neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day
that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.

15 And she went and did according to the saying
of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did
16 eat *many* days. The barrel of meal wasted not,
neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the
word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.
17 And it came to pass after these things, that the
son of the woman, the mistress of the house,
fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that
18 there was no breath left in him. And she said
unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O
thou man of God? [1]thou art come unto me to
bring my sin to remembrance, and to slay my
19 son! And he said unto her, Give me thy son.
And he took him out of her bosom, and carried
him up into the chamber, where he abode, and
20 laid him upon his own bed. And he cried unto
the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou
also brought evil upon the widow with whom I
21 sojourn, by slaying her son? And he stretched
himself upon the child three times, and cried
unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I
pray thee, let this child's soul come into him
22 again. And the LORD hearkened unto the
voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came
23 into him again, and he revived. And Elijah
took the child, and brought him down out of
the chamber into the house, and delivered him
unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son
24 liveth. And the woman said to Elijah, Now
I know that thou art a man of God, and that
the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

[1] Or, *art thou &c.*

**18** 1 And it came to pass after many days, that
the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the
third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab;
2 and I will send rain upon the earth. And
Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And
3 the famine was sore in Samaria. And Ahab
called Obadiah, which was over the household.

(Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly: for it 4
was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the
LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets,
and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them
with bread and water.) And Ahab said unto 5
Obadiah, Go through the land, unto all the
fountains of water, and unto all the brooks:
peradventure we may find grass and save the
horses and mules alive, [1]that we lose not all
the beasts. So they divided the land between 6
them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one
way by himself, and Obadiah went another way
by himself. And as Obadiah was in the way, 7
behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and
fell on his face, and said, Is it thou, my lord
Elijah? And he answered him, It is I: go, 8
tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*. And he 9
said, Wherein have I sinned, that thou wouldest
deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to
slay me? As the LORD thy God liveth, there 10
is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath
not sent to seek thee: and when they said, He
is not here, he took an oath of the kingdom
and nation, that they found thee not. And 11
now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold,
Elijah *is here*. And it shall come to pass, as 12
soon as I am gone from thee, that the spirit of
the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not;
and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he
cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy
servant fear the LORD from my youth. Was it 13
not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew
the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred
men of the LORD'S prophets by fifty in a cave,
and fed them with bread and water? And now 14
thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah
*is here*: and he shall slay me. And Elijah 15
said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom

[1] Or, *and lose none of*

I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him
16 to-day. So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and
17 told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah. And
it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that
Ahab said unto him, Is it thou, thou troubler of
18 Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled
Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in
that ye have forsaken the commandments of
the LORD, and thou hast followed the Baalim.
19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel
unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal
four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the
Asherah four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's
20 table. So Ahab sent unto all the children of
Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto
21 mount Carmel. And Elijah came near unto all
the people, and said, How long halt ye between
two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him:
but if Baal, then follow him. And the people
22 answered him not a word. Then said Elijah
unto the people, I, even I only, am left a
prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are
23 four hundred and fifty men. Let them there-
fore give us two bullocks; and let them choose
one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces,
and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under:
and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on
24 the wood, and put no fire under. And call ye
on the name of your god, and I will call on the
name of the LORD: and the God that answereth
by fire, let him be God. And all the people
25 answered and said, It is well spoken. And
Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose
you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it
first; for ye are many; and call on the name of
26 your god, but put no fire under. And they
took the bullock which was given them, and
they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal

from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal,
[1] Or, *answer* [1]hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that
[2] Or, *limped* answered. And they [2]leaped about the altar
which was made. And it came to pass at noon, 27
that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud:
for he is a god; either he is musing, or he is
gone aside, or he is in a journey, or perad-
venture he sleepeth, and must be awaked. And 28
they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their
[3] Or, *swords* manner with [3]knives and lances, till the blood
gushed out upon them. And it was so, when 29
midday was past, that they prophesied until the
time of the offering of the *evening* oblation; but
there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor
[4] Heb. *attention.* any [4]that regarded. And Elijah said unto all 30
the people, Come near unto me; and all the
people came near unto him. And he repaired
the altar of the LORD that was thrown down.
And Elijah took twelve stones, according to 31
the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob,
unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying,
Israel shall be thy name. And with the stones 32
he built an altar in the name of the LORD; and
he made a trench about the altar, as great as
[5] Or, *a two-seah measure* would contain [5]two measures of seed. And he 33
put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in
pieces, and laid it on the wood. And he said,
Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the
burnt offering, and on the wood. And he said, 34
Do it the second time; and they did it the
second time. And he said, Do it the third
time; and they did it the third time. And 35
the water ran round about the altar; and he
filled the trench also with water. And it came 36
to pass at the time of the offering of the *evening*
oblation, that Elijah the prophet came near,
and said, O LORD, the God of Abraham, of
Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day

that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things
37 at thy word. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou, LORD, art God, [1]and *that* thou hast turned their heart
38 back again. Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt offering, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the
39 water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he
40 is God. And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them
41 there. And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of
42 abundance of rain. So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he bowed himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees.
43 And he said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go
44 again seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a cloud out of the sea, as small as a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, [2]Make ready *thy chariot*, and get thee down, that the
45 rain stop thee not. And it came to pass in a little while, that the heaven grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain.
46 And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

**19** 1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the

[1] Or, *for thou didst turn their heart backward*

[2] Or, *Yoke*

prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a 2
messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods
do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life
as the life of one of them by to-morrow about
this time. [1]And when he saw that, he arose, 3
and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba,
which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant
there. But he himself went a day's journey into 4
the wilderness, and came and sat down under a
[2]juniper tree: and he requested for himself that
he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O
LORD, take away my life; for I am not better
than my fathers. And he lay down and slept 5
under a juniper tree; and, behold, an angel
touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.
And he looked, and, behold, there was at his 6
head a cake baken on the [3]coals, and a cruse of
water. And he did eat and drink, and laid him
down again. And the angel of the LORD came 7
again the second time, and touched him, and
said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too
great for thee. And he arose, and did eat and 8
drink, and went in the strength of that meat
forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the
mount of God. And he came thither unto a 9
cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word
of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him,
What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I 10
have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of
hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken
thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain
thy prophets with the sword: and I, even I
only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it
away. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon 11
the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the
LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind
rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks
before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the

[1] According to some ancient authorities, *And he was afraid, and arose.*

[2] Or, *broom*

[3] Or, *hot stones*

wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but
12 the LORD was not in the earthquake: and after
the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in
the fire: and after the fire [1]a still small voice.
13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he
wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out,
and stood in the entering in of the cave. And,
behold, there came a voice unto him, and said,
14 What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I
have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of
hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken
thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and
slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even
I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it
15 away. And the LORD said unto him, Go, return
on thy way [2]to the wilderness of Damascus:
and when thou comest, thou shalt anoint Hazael
16 to be king over Syria: and Jehu the son of
Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel:
and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah
shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.
17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth
from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and
him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu
18 shall Elisha slay. Yet will I leave *me* seven
thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not
bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath
19 not kissed him. So he departed thence, and
found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing, with twelve yoke *of oxen* before him, and he
with the twelfth: and Elijah passed over unto
20 him, and cast his mantle upon him. And he
left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let
me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother,
and then I will follow thee. And he said unto
him, Go back again; for what have I done to
21 thee? And he returned from following him,
and took the yoke of oxen, and slew them, and

[1] Heb. *a sound of gentle stillness.*

[2] Or, *by the wilderness to*

[1] Or, *roasted*

[1]boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

20 And Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all 1
his host together: and there were thirty and two
kings with him, and horses and chariots: and
he went up and besieged Samaria, and fought
against it. And he sent messengers to Ahab 2
king of Israel, into the city, and said unto him,
Thus saith Ben-hadad, Thy silver and thy gold 3
is mine; thy wives also and thy children, even
the goodliest, are mine. And the king of Israel 4
answered and said, It is according to thy say-
ing, my lord, O king; I am thine, and all that
I have. And the messengers came again, and 5
said, Thus speaketh Ben-hadad, saying, I sent
indeed unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me
thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy
children; but I will send my servants unto thee 6
to-morrow about this time, and they shall search
thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and
it shall be, that [2]whatsoever is pleasant in thine
eyes, they shall put it in their hand, and take it
away. Then the king of Israel called all the 7
elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you,
and see how this man seeketh mischief: for he
sent unto me for my wives, and for my children,
and for my silver, and for my gold; and I de-
nied him not. And all the elders and all the 8
people said unto him, Hearken thou not, neither
consent. Wherefore he said unto the mes- 9
sengers of Ben-hadad, Tell my lord the king, All
that thou didst send for to thy servant at the
first I will do: but this thing I may not do.
And the messengers departed, and brought him
word again. And Ben-hadad sent unto him, and 10
said, The gods do so unto me, and more also, if

[2] Heb. *all the desire of thine eyes.*

the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for
11 all the people that [1]follow me. And the king of
Israel answered and said, Tell him, Let not him
that girdeth on *his armour* boast himself as he
12 that putteth it off. And it came to pass, when
*Ben-hadad* heard this message, as he was drink-
ing, he and the kings, in the [2]pavilions, that he
said unto his servants, [3]Set *yourselves in array*.
And they set *themselves in array* against the
13 city. And, behold, a prophet came near unto
Ahab king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the
LORD, Hast thou seen all this great multitude?
behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day;
14 and thou shalt know that I am the LORD. And
Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus saith
the LORD, By the [4]young men of the princes of
the provinces. Then he said, Who shall [5]begin
15 the battle? And he answered, Thou. Then he
mustered the young men of the princes of the
provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty
two: and after them he mustered all the peo-
ple, even all the children of Israel, being seven
16 thousand. And they went out at noon. But
Ben-hadad was drinking himself drunk in the
[2]pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two
17 kings that helped him. And the young men of
the princes of the provinces went out first; and
Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying,
18 There are men come out from Samaria. And
he said, Whether they be come out for peace,
take them alive; or whether they be come out
19 for war, take them alive. So these went out of
the city, the young men of the princes of the
provinces, and the army which followed them.
20 And they slew every one his man; and the
Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them: and Ben-
hadad the king of Syria escaped [6]on an horse
21 with horsemen. And the king of Israel went

[1] Heb. *are at my feet.*

[2] Or, *huts*

[3] Or, *Place* the engines. *And they placed* the engines

[4] Or, *servants*

[5] Heb. *bind.*

[6] Or, *with horse and horsemen*

out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter. And the 22
prophet came near to the king of Israel, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest: for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee.

And the servants of the king of Syria said 23
unto him, Their god is a god of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we: but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. And do this thing; take 24
the kings away, every man out of his place, and
[1] Or, *governors* See ch. x. 15. put [1]captains in their room: and number thee 25
an army, like the army that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. And he hearkened
unto their voice, and did so. And it came to 26
pass at the return of the year, that Ben-hadad mustered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel. And the children of Israel 27
were mustered, and were victualled, and went against them: and the children of Israel encamped before them like two little flocks of kids;
[2] Or, *the* but the Syrians filled the country. And [2]a man 28
of God came near and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is a god of the hills, but he is not a god of the valleys; therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD. And they encamped one over against 29
the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined; and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day. But the rest fled 30
to Aphek, into the city; and the wall fell upon

twenty and seven thousand men that were left. And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city,
31 [1]into an inner chamber. And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, we pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will save thy
32 life. So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and *put* ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Ben-hadad saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, Is
33 he yet alive? he is my brother. Now the men [2]observed diligently, and hasted [3]to catch whether it were [4]his mind; and they said, Thy brother Ben-hadad. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he
34 caused him to come up into the chariot. And *Ben-hadad* said unto him, The cities which my father took from thy father I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. And I, *said Ahab*, will let thee go with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and let him go.

[1] Or, *from chamber to chamber*

[2] Or, *took it as an omen* (Heb. *divined*), *and hasted*
[3] Another reading is, *to catch it from him.*
[4] Heb. *from him.*

35 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his fellow by the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man
36 refused to smite him. Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him,
37 and slew him. Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man
38 smote him, smiting and wounding him. So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with his head-
39 band over his eyes. And as the king passed

by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver. And as thy servant was busy here and 40
there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So shall thy judgement be; thyself hast decided it. And he hasted, and took 41
the headband away from his eyes; and the king of Israel discerned him that he was of the prophets. And he said unto him, Thus saith the 42
LORD, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand the man whom I had devoted to destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people. And the king of Israel 43
went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

And it came to pass after these things, that 1 **21**
Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. And Ahab spake unto Naboth, 2
saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house; and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it: or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money. And 3
Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee. And Ahab came into his house 4
heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread. But Jezebel his wife came to him, 5
and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad,

6 that thou eatest no bread? And he said unto
her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite,
and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for
money; or else, if it please thee, I will give
thee *another* vineyard for it: and he answered,
7 I will not give thee my vineyard. And Jezebel
his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern
the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread,
and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee
8 the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite. So she
wrote [1]letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them
with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders
and to the nobles that were in his city, *and* that
9 dwelt with Naboth. And she wrote in the
letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth
10 [2]on high among the people: and set two men,
sons of [3]Belial, before him, and let them bear
witness against him, saying, Thou didst [4]curse
God and the king. And then carry him out,
11 and stone him, that he die. And the men
of his city, even the elders and the nobles
who dwelt in his city, did as Jezebel had
sent unto them, according as it was written
in the letters which she had sent unto them.
12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth [2]on
13 high among the people. And the two men,
sons of Belial, came in and sat before him:
and the men of Belial bare witness against him,
even against Naboth, in the presence of the
people, saying, Naboth did [4]curse God and the
king. Then they carried him forth out of the
city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.
14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is
15 stoned, and is dead. And it came to pass, when
Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was
dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take
possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jez-
reelite, which he refused to give thee for money:

[1] Or, *a letter*

[2] Or, *at the head of*
[3] That is, *worthlessness.*
[4] Or, *renounce*

for Naboth is not alive, but dead. And it came 16
to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was
dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the
vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take pos-
session of it.

And the word of the LORD came to Elijah 17
the Tishbite, saying, Arise, go down to meet 18
Ahab king of Israel, which dwelleth in Samaria:
behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither
he is gone down to take possession of it. And 19
thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith
the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken pos-
session? and thou shalt speak unto him, saying,
Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs
licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy
blood, even thine. And Ahab said to Elijah, 20
Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he
answered, I have found thee: because thou hast
sold thyself to do that which is evil in the sight
of the LORD. Behold, I will bring evil upon 21
thee, and will utterly sweep thee away, and will
cut off from Ahab every man child, and him
that is shut up and him that is left at large in
Israel: and I will make thine house like the 22
house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like
the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the
provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me
to anger, and hast made Israel to sin. And of 23
Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs
shall eat Jezebel [1]by the rampart of Jezreel.
Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs 24
shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall
the fowls of the air eat. (But there was none 25
like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to do
that which was evil in the sight of the LORD,
whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. And he did 26
very abominably in following idols, according
to all that the Amorites did, whom the LORD

[1] According to some ancient authorities, *in the portion*, as in 2 Kings ix. 10, 36.

27 cast out before the children of Israel.) And it
came to pass, when Ahab heard those words,
that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon
his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and
28 went softly. And the word of the LORD came to
29 Elijah the Tishbite, saying, Seest thou how Ahab
humbleth himself before me? because he hum-
bleth himself before me, I will not bring the
evil in his days: but in his son's days will I
bring the evil upon his house.

**22** 1 And they continued three years without war
2 between Syria and Israel. [1]And it came to pass [1] See 2 Chr. xviii. 2, &c.
in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king
of Judah came down to the king of Israel.
3 And the king of Israel said unto his servants,
Know ye that Ramoth-gilead is ours, and we
[2]be still, and take it not out of the hand of [2] Or, *keep silence*.
4 the king of Syria? And he said unto Jehosha-
phat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramoth-
gilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of
Israel, I am as thou art, my people as thy peo-
5 ple, my horses as thy horses. And Jehoshaphat
said unto the king of Israel, Inquire, I pray
6 thee, at the word of the LORD to-day. Then
the king of Israel gathered the prophets to-
gether, about four hundred men, and said unto
them, Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to
battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go
up; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand
7 of the king. But Jehoshaphat said, Is there
not here besides a prophet of the LORD, that we
8 might inquire of him? And the king of Israel
said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man
by whom we may inquire of the LORD, Micaiah
the son of Imlah: but I hate him; for he doth
not prophesy good concerning me, but evil.
And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.
9 Then the king of Israel called an [3]officer, and [3] Or, *eunuch*

said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imlah.
Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the 10
king of Judah sat each on his throne, arrayed
in their robes, in [1]an open place at the entrance
of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets
prophesied before them. And Zedekiah the 11
son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron, and
said, Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt
thou push the Syrians, until they be consumed.
And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, 12
Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the
LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.
And the messenger that went to call Micaiah 13
spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words
of the prophets *declare* good unto the king with
one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like
the word of one of them, and speak thou good.
And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what 14
the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak. And 15
when he was come to the king, the king said
unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-
gilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he
answered him, Go up, and prosper; and the
LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.
And the king said unto him, How many times 16
shall I adjure thee that thou speak unto me
nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?
And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon 17
the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd:
and the LORD said, These have no master; let
them return every man to his house in peace.
And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, 18
Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy
good concerning me, but evil? And he said, 19
Therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: I
saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the
host of heaven standing by him on his right
hand and on his left. And the LORD said, Who 20

[1] Heb. *a threshing-floor.*

shall [1]entice Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner; and another said on that manner. And there came forth [2]a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt entice him, and shalt prevail also: go forth, and do so. Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets; and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee. Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee? And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day, when thou shalt go [3]into an inner chamber to hide thyself. And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son; and say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace. And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, [4]Hear, ye peoples, all of you.

So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and go into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle. Now the king of Syria had commanded the thirty and two captains of his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel. And it came to pass, when the

[1] Or, *deceive*

[2] Heb. *the spirit.*

[3] Or, *from chamber to chamber*

[4] See Micah i. 2.

captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it is the king of Israel; and they turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat cried out. And it came to pass, 33
when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him. And a certain man 34
drew his bow [1]at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between [2]the joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am sore wounded. And the battle in- 35
creased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the bottom of the chariot. And there went a 36
cry throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his country. So the king died, 37
and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria. And they washed the 38
chariot by the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; ([3]now the harlots washed themselves *there*;) according unto the word of the LORD which he spake. Now the rest of the 39
acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he built, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? So Ahab 40
slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

[1] Heb. *in his simplicity.*
[2] Or, *the lower armour and the breastplate*
[3] Or, *and they washed the armour*

[4]And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to 41
reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel. Jehoshaphat was thirty and 42
five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. And he walked in all the way of 43

[4] See 2 Chr. xx. 31, &c.

Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the LORD: howbeit the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burnt in-
44 cense in the high places. And Jehoshaphat made
45 peace with the king of Israel. Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he shewed, and how he warred, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of
46 Judah? And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa,
47 he put away out of the land. And there was
48 no king in Edom: a deputy was king. Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were
49 broken at Ezion-geber. Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships. But Jeho-
50 shaphat would not. [1]And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

[1] See 2 Chr. xxi. 1.

51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he reigned two
52 years over Israel. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,
53 [2]wherein he made Israel to sin. And he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger the LORD, the God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

[2] Or, *who made*

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# SECOND BOOK OF THE KINGS.

1 AND Moab rebelled against Israel after the
death of Ahab. And Ahaziah fell down through
2 the lattice in his upper chamber that was in
Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers,
and said unto them, Go, inquire of Baal-zebub
the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of
this sickness. But the angel of the LORD said
3 to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the
messengers of the king of Samaria, and say
unto them, Is it because there is no God in
Israel, that ye go to inquire of Baal-zebub the
god of Ekron? Now therefore thus saith the
4 LORD, Thou shalt not come down from the bed
whither thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.
And Elijah departed. And the messengers
5 returned unto him, and he said unto them, Why
is it that ye are returned? And they said unto
6 him, There came up a man to meet us, and said
unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent
you, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD,
Is it because there is no God in Israel, that thou
sendest to inquire of Baal-zebub the god of
Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down
from the bed whither thou art gone up, but
shalt surely die. And he said unto them, What
7 manner of man was he which came up to meet

8 you, and told you these words? And they answered him, He was [1]an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said,
9 It is Elijah the Tishbite. Then *the king* sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he [2]sat on the top of the hill. And he spake unto him, O man of God, the king hath said, Come down.
10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and
11 consumed him and his fifty. And again he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down
12 quickly. And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven,
13 and consumed him and his fifty. And again he sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight.
14 Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and consumed the two former captains of fifty with their fifties: but now let my life be precious in
15 thy sight. And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with
16 him unto the king. And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of his word? therefore thou

[1] Or, *a man with* a garment of *hair*

[2] Or, *dwelt*

shalt not come down from the bed whither thou
art gone up, but shalt surely die. So he died 17
according to the word of the LORD which Elijah
had spoken. And Jehoram began to reign in
his stead in the second year of Jehoram the
son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because
he had no son. Now the rest of the acts of 18
Ahaziah which he did, are they not written
in the book of the chronicles of the kings of
Israel?

And it came to pass, when the LORD would 1 2
take up Elijah by a whirlwind into heaven, that
Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. And Elijah 2
said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for
the LORD hath sent me as far as Beth-el. And
Elisha said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy
soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went
down to Beth-el. And the sons of the prophets 3
that were at Beth-el came forth to Elisha, and
said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD
will take away thy master from thy head to-
day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye
your peace. And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, 4
tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent
me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD
liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave
thee. So they came to Jericho. And the sons 5
of the prophets that were at Jericho came near
to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou
that the LORD will take away thy master from
thy head to-day? And he answered, Yea, I
know it; hold ye your peace. And Elijah said 6
unto him, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD
hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the
LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not
leave thee. And they two went on. And fifty 7
men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood
over against them afar off: and they two stood

8 by Jordan. And Elijah took his mantle, and
wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and
they were divided hither and thither, so that
9 they two went over on dry ground. And it
came to pass, [1]when they were gone over, that
Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for
thee, before I be taken from thee. And Elisha
said, I pray thee, let [2]a double portion of thy
10 spirit be upon me. And he said, Thou hast
asked a hard thing: *nevertheless*, if thou see me
when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto
11 thee; but if not, it shall not be so. And it
came to pass, as they still went on, and talked,
that, behold, *there appeared* [3]a chariot of fire, and
horses of fire, which parted them both asunder;
and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.
12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my
father, the [4]chariots of Israel and the horsemen
thereof! And he saw him no more: and he
took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in
13 two pieces. He took up also the mantle of
Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and
14 stood by the bank of Jordan. And he took
the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and
smote the waters, and said, Where is the
LORD, [5]the God of Elijah? and when he also
had smitten the waters, they were divided
hither and thither: and Elisha went over.
15 And when the sons of the prophets which were
at Jericho over against him saw him, they said,
The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And
they came to meet him, and bowed themselves
16 to the ground before him. And they said unto
him, Behold now, there be with thy servants
fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee,
and seek thy master: lest peradventure the
spirit of the LORD hath taken him up, and cast
him upon some mountain, or into some valley.

[1] Or, *as they went*

[2] That is, the portion of the firstborn. See Deut. xxi. 17.

[3] Or, *chariots*

[4] Or, *chariot*

[5] Or, *the God of Elijah, even he? and when he had smitten &c.*

And he said, Ye shall not send. And when 17
they urged him till he was ashamed, he said,
Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they
sought three days, but found him not. And 18
they came back to him, while he tarried at
Jericho; and he said unto them, Did I not say
unto you, Go not?

And the men of the city said unto Elisha, 19
Behold, we pray thee, the situation of this city
is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is
[1] Or, *casteth her fruit* naught, and the land [1]miscarrieth. And he said, 20
Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein.
And they brought it to him. And he went 21
forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast
salt therein, and said, Thus saith the LORD,
I have healed these waters; there shall not
[2] Or, *casting of fruit* be from thence any more death or [2]miscarry-
ing. So the waters were healed unto this 22
day, according to the word of Elisha which he
spake.

And he went up from thence unto Beth-el: 23
and as he was going up by the way, there came
[3] Or, *young lads* forth [3]little children out of the city, and mocked
him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head;
go up, thou bald head. And he looked behind 24
him and saw them, and cursed them in the name
of the LORD. And there came forth two she-
bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two
children of them. And he went from thence 25
to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned
to Samaria.

Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to 1 **3**
reign over Israel in Samaria in the eighteenth
year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned
twelve years. And he did that which was evil 2
in the sight of the LORD; but not like his father,
[4] Or, *obelisk* and like his mother: for he put away the [4]pillar
of Baal that his father had made. Nevertheless 3

he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

4 Now Mesha king of Moab was a sheep-
master; and he rendered unto the king of Israel
[1]the wool of an hundred thousand lambs, and of
5 an hundred thousand rams. But it came to pass,
when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab
6 rebelled against the king of Israel. And king
Jehoram went out of Samaria at that time, and
7 mustered all Israel. And he went and sent
to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The
king of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt
thou go with me against Moab to battle? And
he said, I will go up: I am as thou art, my people
8 as thy people, my horses as thy horses. And he
said, Which way shall we go up? And he an-
swered, The way of the wilderness of Edom.
9 So the king of Israel went, and the king of
Judah, and the king of Edom: and they made
a circuit of seven days' journey: and there was
no water for the host, nor for the beasts that
10 followed them. And the king of Israel said,
Alas! for the LORD hath called these three
kings together to deliver them into the hand of
11 Moab. But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here
a prophet of the LORD, that we may inquire of
the LORD by him? And one of the king of
Israel's servants answered and said, Elisha the
son of Shaphat is here, which poured water on
12 the hands of Elijah. And Jehoshaphat said,
The word of the LORD is with him. So the
king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of
13 Edom went down to him. And Elisha said
unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with
thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father,
and to the prophets of thy mother. And the
king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the LORD

[1] Or, *an hundred thousand lambs, and an hundred thousand rams*, with *the wool*

hath called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab. And Elisha 14
said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom
I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the
presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I
would not look toward thee, nor see thee. But 15
now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass,
when the minstrel played, that the hand of the
LORD came upon him. And he said, Thus saith 16
the LORD, Make this valley full of trenches.
For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, 17
neither shall ye see rain, yet that valley shall be
filled with water: and ye shall drink, both ye
and your cattle and your beasts. And this is 18
but a light thing in the sight of the LORD: he
will also deliver the Moabites into your hand.
And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every 19
choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and
stop all fountains of water, and mar every good
piece of land with stones. And it came to pass 20
in the morning, about the time of offering the
oblation, that, behold, there came water by the
way of Edom, and the country was filled with
water. Now when all the Moabites heard that 21
the kings were come up to fight against them,
they [1]gathered themselves together, all that were
able to [2]put on armour, and upward, and stood
on the border. And they rose up early in the 22
morning, and the sun shone upon the water,
and the Moabites saw the water over against
them as red as blood: and they said, This is 23
blood; the kings [3]are surely destroyed, and
they have smitten each man his fellow: now
therefore, Moab, to the spoil. And when they 24
came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose
up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled
before them: and they went forward [4]into the
land smiting the Moabites. And they beat 25

[1] Or, *were called together*
[2] Heb. *gird themselves with a girdle.*
[3] Or, *have surely fought together*
[4] Heb. *into it.*

down the cities; and on every good piece of land they cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the fountains of water, and felled all the good trees: until in Kir-hareseth *only* they left the stones thereof; howbeit
26 the slingers went about it, and smote it. And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew sword, to break through unto the king of Edom: but they could not.
27 Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering upon the wall. And [1]there was great wrath against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

[1] Or, *there came great wrath upon Israel*

**4** 1 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead: and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my
2 two children to be bondmen. And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me; what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house,
3 save a pot of oil. Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even
4 empty vessels; borrow not a few. And thou shalt go in, and shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and pour out into all those vessels; and thou shalt set aside that which is full.
5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons; they brought *the vessels*
6 to her, and she poured out. And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And
7 the oil stayed. Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and

pay thy debt, and live thou and thy sons of the rest.

8 And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread. 9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually. 10 Let us make, I pray thee, a little chamber [1]on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither. 11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber and lay there. 12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him. 13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast [2]been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people. 14 And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no son, and her husband is old. 15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door. 16 And he said, At this season, when the time [3]cometh round, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid. 17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season, when the time came round, as Elisha had said unto her. 18 And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. 19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to his servant, Carry him to his mother. 20 And when he had taken

[1] Or, *with walls*

[2] Or, *shewed us all this reverence*

[3] Heb. *liveth*, or, *reviveth.*

him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on
21 her knees till noon, and then died. And she
went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of
God, and shut *the door* upon him, and went out.
22 And she called unto her husband, and said, Send
me, I pray thee, one of the servants, and one
of the asses, that I may run to the man of
23 God, and come again. And he said, Where-
fore wilt thou go to him to-day? it is neither
new moon nor sabbath. And she said, [1]It shall [1] Heb. *Peace.*
24 be well. Then she saddled an ass, and said to
her servant, Drive, and go forward; slacken me
25 not the riding, except I bid thee. So she went,
and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel.
And it came to pass, when the man of God saw
her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant,
26 Behold, yonder is the Shunammite: run, I pray
thee, now to meet her, and say unto her, Is it
well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is
it well with the child? And she answered, It is
27 well. And when she came to the man of God
to the hill, she caught hold of his feet. And
Gehazi came near to thrust her away; but the
man of God said, Let her alone: for her soul is
[2]vexed within her; and the LORD hath hid it [2] Heb. *bitter.*
28 from me, and hath not told me. Then she said,
Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say,
29 Do not deceive me? Then he said to Gehazi,
Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine
hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man,
salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer
him not again: and lay my staff upon the face
30 of the child. And the mother of the child said,
As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I
will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed
31 her. And Gehazi passed on before them, and
laid the staff upon the face of the child; but [3] Heb.
there was neither voice, nor [3]hearing. Where- *attention.*

fore he returned to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked. And when Elisha 32
was come into the house, behold, the child was
dead, and laid upon his bed. He went in there- 33
fore, and shut the door upon them twain, and
prayed unto the LORD. And he went up, and 34
lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his
mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands
upon his hands: and he [1]stretched himself upon
him; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.
Then he returned, and walked in the house 35
once to and fro; and went up, and [1]stretched
himself upon him: [2]and the child sneezed seven
times, and the child opened his eyes. And he 36
called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite.
So he called her. And when she was come in
unto him, he said, Take up thy son. Then she 37
went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself
to the ground; and she took up her son, and
went out.

And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and there 38
was a dearth in the land; and the sons of the
prophets were sitting before him: and he said
unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe
pottage for the sons of the prophets. And one 39
went out into the field to gather herbs, and found
a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds
his lap full, and came and shred them into the
pot of pottage: for they knew them not. So 40
they poured out for the men to eat. And it
came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage,
that they cried out, and said, O man of God,
there is death in the pot. And they could not
eat thereof. But he said, Then bring meal. 41
And he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour
out for the people, that they may eat. And
there was no [3]harm in the pot.

And there came a man from Baal-shalishah, 42

[1] Or, *bowed himself*

[2] Or, *and embraced the child*

[3] Heb. *evil thing.*

and brought the man of God bread of the first-fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and fresh ears of corn in [1]his sack. And he said, Give unto the
43 people, that they may eat. And his [2]servant said, What, should I set this before an hundred men? But he said, Give the people, that they may eat; for thus saith the LORD, They shall
44 eat, and shall leave thereof. So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of the LORD.

5 1 Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man [3]with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given [4]victory unto Syria: he was also a mighty man
2 of valour, *but he was* a leper. And the Syrians had gone out in bands, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid;
3 and she [5]waited on Naaman's wife. And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were [3]with the prophet that is in Samaria! then
4 would he recover him of his leprosy. And [6]one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus
5 said the maid that is of the land of Israel. And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand [7]*pieces* of gold, and ten changes
6 of raiment. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, And now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover
7 him of his leprosy. And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? but consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh [8]a quarrel
8 against me. And it was so, when Elisha the

[1] Or, *the husk thereof*
[2] Or, *minister*
[3] Heb. *before.*
[4] Heb. *salvation.*
[5] Heb. *was before.*
[6] Or, *he*
[7] Or, shekels
[8] Or, *an occasion*

man of God heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel. So Naaman came with his 9
horses and with his chariots, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. And Elisha sent 10
a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come
[1] Heb. *be thou clean.*
again to thee, and [1]thou shalt be clean. But 11
Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and
[2] Another reading is, *Amanah.*
recover the leper. Are not [2]Abanah and Phar- 12
par, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a
rage. And his servants came near, and spake 13
unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? Then 14
went he down, and dipped *himself* seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. And he 15
returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold now, I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I
[3] Heb. *blessing.*
pray thee, take a [3]present of thy servant. But 16
he said, As the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused. And Naaman said, 17
If not, yet I pray thee let there be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth; for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering

nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD.
18 In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant; when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing.
19 And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him [1]a little way.
20 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: as the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.
21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw one running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is
22 all well? And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets; give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and
23 two changes of raiment. And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of raiment, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare
24 them before him. And when he came to the [2]hill, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and
25 they departed. But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said,
26 Thy servant went no whither. And he said unto him, [3]Went not mine heart *with thee*, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards and vineyards,

[1] Or, *some way*

[2] Heb. *Ophel.*

[3] Or, *Mine heart went not* from me, *when &c.*

and sheep and oxen, and menservants and maidservants? The leprosy therefore of Na- 27
aman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper *as white* as snow.

And the sons of the prophets said unto 1 6
Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell before thee is too strait for us. Let us go, we 2
pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye. And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go 3
with thy servants. And he answered, I will go. So he went with them. And when they came 4
to Jordan, they cut down wood. But as one was 5
felling a beam, the axe-head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, my master! for it was borrowed. And the man of God said, 6
Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither,
[1] Or, *the iron did swim* and [1]made the iron to swim. And he said, 7
Take it up to thee. So he put out his hand, and took it.

Now the king of Syria warred against Israel; 8
and he took counsel with his servants, saying, In
[2] Or, *encamping* such and such a place shall be my [2]camp. And 9
the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are coming down. And 10
the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of; and he saved himself there, not once nor twice. And 11
the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel? And one of his 12
servants said, Nay, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of

Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bed-
13 chamber. And he said, Go and see where he
is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was
told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.
14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots,
and a great host: and they came by night, and
15 compassed the city about. And when the [1]serv- [1] Or, *minister*
ant of the man of God was risen early, and
gone forth, behold, an host with horses and
chariots was round about the city. And his
servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how
16 shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for
they that be with us are more than they that be
17 with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD,
I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see.
And the LORD opened the eyes of the young
man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain
was full of horses and chariots of fire round
18 about Elisha. And when they came down to
him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said,
Smite this [2]people, I pray thee, with blindness. [2] Heb. *nation.*
And he smote them with blindness according
19 to the word of Elisha. And Elisha said unto
them, This is not the way, neither is this the
city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man
whom ye seek. And he led them to Samaria.
20 And it came to pass, when they were come into
Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes
of these men, that they may see. And the LORD
opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold,
21 they were in the midst of Samaria. And the
king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw
them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I
22 smite them? And he answered, Thou shalt not
smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom
thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with
thy bow? set bread and water before them, that
they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

And he prepared great provision for them: and 23
when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them
away, and they went to their master. And the
bands of Syria came no more into the land of
Israel.

And it came to pass after this, that Ben-hadad 24
king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up,
and besieged Samaria. And there was a great 25
famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged
it, until an ass's head was sold for fourscore
[1] Or, shekels [1]*pieces* of silver, and the fourth part of a kab of
dove's dung for five [1]*pieces* of silver. And as 26
the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall,
there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help,
[2] Or, *Nay, let the* LORD *help thee!* my lord, O king. And he said, [2]If the LORD do 27
not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of
the threshing-floor, or out of the winepress?
And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? 28
And she answered, This woman said unto me,
Give thy son, that we may eat him to-day, and
we will eat my son to-morrow. So we boiled 29
my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her
on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat
him: and she hath hid her son. And it came 30
to pass, when the king heard the words of the
woman, that he rent his clothes; (now he was
passing by upon the wall;) and the people
looked, and, behold, he had sackcloth within
upon his flesh. Then he said, God do so to 31
me, and more also, if the head of Elisha the son
of Shaphat shall stand on him this day. But 32
Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with
him; and *the king* sent a man from before him:
but ere the messenger came to him, he said to
the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer
hath sent to take away mine head? look, when
[3] Heb. *thrust him back with the door.* the messenger cometh, shut the door, and [3]hold
the door fast against him: is not the sound of

33 his master's feet behind him? And while he yet
talked with them, behold, the messenger came
down unto him: and he said, Behold, this evil is
of the LORD; why should I wait for the LORD
7 1 any longer? And Elisha said, Hear ye the word
of the LORD: thus saith the LORD, To-morrow
about this time shall a [1]measure of fine flour be [1] Heb. *seah.*
*sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for
2 a shekel, in the gate of Samaria. Then the
captain on whose hand the king leaned answered
the man of God, and said, Behold, if the LORD
should make windows in heaven, might this
thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see
it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.
3 Now there were four leprous men at the
entering in of the gate: and they said one to
4 another, Why sit we here until we die? If we
say, We will enter into the city, then the famine
is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we
sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come,
and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if
they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill
5 us, we shall but die. And they rose up in the
twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians:
and when they were come to the outermost part
of the camp of the Syrians, behold, there was no
6 man there. For the Lord had made the host
of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a
noise of horses, even the noise of a great host:
and they said one to another, Lo, the king of
Israel hath hired against us the kings of the
Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come
7 upon us. Wherefore they arose and fled in the
twilight, and left their tents, and their horses,
and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled
8 for their life. And when these lepers came to
the outermost part of the camp, they went into
one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried

thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and they came back, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it. Then they said one to another, 9
We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, [1]punishment will overtake us: now therefore come, let us go and tell the king's household. So they came and called unto the 10
[2]porter of the city: and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but the horses tied, and the asses tied, and the tents as they were. And [3]he called the 11
porters; and they told it to the king's household within. And the king arose in the night, and said 12
unto his servants, I will now shew you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we be hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall take them alive, and get into the city. And one of 13
his servants answered and said, Let some take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left [4]in the city, (behold, they are as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it; behold, they are as all the multitude of Israel that are consumed:) and let us send and see. They 14
took therefore two chariots with horses; and the king sent after the host of the Syrians, saying, Go and see. And they went after them unto 15
Jordan: and, lo, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king. And the people went out, and 16
spoiled the camp of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was *sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to

[1] Or, *our iniquity will find us out*

[2] Or, *porters*

[3] Or, *the porters called*

[4] Heb. *in it.*

17 the word of the LORD. And the king appointed
the captain on whose hand he leaned to have the
charge of the gate: and the people trode upon
him in the gate, and he died as the man of God
had said, who spake when the king came down
18 to him. And it came to pass, as the man of God
had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures
of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine
flour for a shekel, shall be to-morrow about this
19 time in the gate of Samaria; and that captain
answered the man of God, and said, Now, be-
hold, if the LORD should make windows in
heaven, might such a thing be? and he said,
Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but
20 shalt not eat thereof: it came to pass even so
unto him; for the people trode upon him in the
gate, and he died.

**8** 1 Now Elisha had spoken unto the woman,
whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise,
and go thou and thine household, and sojourn
wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the LORD
hath called for a famine; and it shall also come
2 upon the land seven years. And the woman
arose, and did according to the word of the man
of God: and she went with her household, and
sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven
3 years. And it came to pass at the seven years'
end, that the woman returned out of the land of
the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto
4 the king for her house and for her land. Now
the king was talking with Gehazi the servant
of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray
thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done.
5 And it came to pass, as he was telling the king
how he had restored to life him that was dead,
that, behold, the woman, whose son he had
restored to life, cried to the king for her house
and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord,

O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life. And when the 6
king asked the woman, she told him. So the
[1] Or, *eunuch* king appointed unto her a certain [1]officer, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

And Elisha came to Damascus; and Ben- 7
hadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither. And the king said unto Hazael, Take 8
a present in thine hand, and go meet the man of God, and inquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this sickness? So Hazael 9
[2] Heb. *in his hand.* went to meet him, and took a present [2]with
[3] Or, *and* him, [3]even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Ben-hadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this sickness? And Elisha said unto him, Go, 10
[4] According to another reading, *say, Thou shalt not recover: for the* LORD *&c.* [4]say unto him, Thou shalt surely recover; howbeit the LORD hath shewed me that he shall surely die. And he settled his countenance 11
stedfastly *upon him,* until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept. And Hazael said, Why 12
weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash in pieces their little ones, and rip up their women with child. And 13
Hazael said, But what is thy servant, which is but a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The LORD hath shewed me that thou shalt be king over Syria. Then 14
he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me that thou

15 shouldest surely recover. And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took the coverlet, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.

16 And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, [1]Jehoshaphat being then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat 17 king of Judah began to reign. [2]Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign; 18 and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for he had [3]the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he did that which was 19 evil in the sight of the LORD. Howbeit the LORD would not destroy Judah, for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give unto 20 him a lamp [4]for his children alway. In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, 21 and made a king over themselves. Then Joram passed over to Zair, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled to 22 their tents. So Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, unto this day. Then did Libnah 23 revolt at the same time. And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the 24 kings of Judah? And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

25 [5]In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel did Ahaziah the son of Jehoram 26 king of Judah begin to reign. Two and twenty years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah the [6]daughter

[1] Some ancient authorities omit the words *Jehoshaphat being then king of Judah.*

[2] See 2 Chr. xxi. 5, &c.

[3] See ver. 26.

[4] Another reading is, *and to his children.*

[5] See 2 Chr. xxii. 1, &c.

[6] Or, *granddaughter* See ver. 18.

of Omri king of Israel. And he walked in the 27
way of the house of Ahab, and did that which
was evil in the sight of the LORD, as did the
house of Ahab: for he was the son in law of
the house of Ahab. And he went with Joram 28
the son of Ahab to war against Hazael king
of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians
wounded Joram. And king Joram returned to 29
be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the
Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he
fought against Hazael king of Syria. And
Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went
down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel,
because he was sick.

And Elisha the prophet called one of the 1 9
sons of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird
up thy loins, and take this vial of oil in thine
hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead. And when 2
thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the
son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go
in, and make him arise up from among his
brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber.
Then take the vial of oil, and pour it on his 3
head, and say, Thus saith the LORD, I have
anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the
door, and flee, and tarry not. So the young 4
man, even the young man the prophet, went to
Ramoth-gilead. And when he came, behold, 5
the captains of the host were sitting; and he
said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And
Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said,
To thee, O captain. And he arose, and went 6
into the house; and he poured the oil on his
head, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD,
the God of Israel, I have anointed thee king
over the people of the LORD, even over Israel.
And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy 7
master, that I may avenge the blood of my serv-

ants the prophets, and the blood of all the serv-
8 ants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel. For
the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I
will cut off from Ahab every man child, and
him that is shut up and him that is left at large
9 in Israel. And I will make the house of Ahab
like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,
and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah.
10 And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion
of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her.
11 And he opened the door, and fled. Then Jehu
came forth to the servants of his lord: and one
said unto him, Is all well? wherefore came this
mad fellow to thee? And he said unto them,
12 Ye know the man and what his talk was. And
they said, It is false; tell us now. And he said,
Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus
saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over
13 Israel. Then they hasted, and took every man
his garment, and put it under him [1]on the top
of the stairs, and blew the trumpet, saying, Jehu
14 is king. So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the
son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now
Joram kept Ramoth-gilead, he and all Israel, be-
15 cause of Hazael king of Syria: but king [2]Joram
was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the
wounds which the Syrians had given him, when
he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And
Jehu said, If this be your mind, then let none
escape and go forth out of the city, to go to tell
16 it in Jezreel. So Jehu rode in a chariot, and
went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And
Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see
17 Joram. Now the watchman stood on the tower
in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as
he came, and said, I see a company. And Jo-
ram said, Take an horseman, and send to meet
18 them, and let him say, [3]Is it peace? So there

[1] Or, *on the bare steps*

[2] Heb. *Jehoram*, and in vv. 17, 21, 22, 23, 24.

[3] Or, *Is all well?*

went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not again. Then he sent out a second on 19
horseback, which came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu answered, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, saying, 20
He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furi-
[1] Or, *Yoke* ously. And Joram said, [1]Make ready. And 21
they made ready his chariot. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out to meet Jehu, and found him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite. And it came to pass, when Jo- 22
ram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many? And Joram turned his 23
hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, There is
[2] Heb. *filled his hand with the bow.* treachery, O Ahaziah. And Jehu [2]drew his 24
bow with his full strength, and smote Joram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot. Then said *Jehu* to Bidkar his captain, Take 25
up, and cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember how that, when I and thou rode together after Ahab his
[3] Or, *uttered this oracle against him* father, the LORD [3]laid this burden upon him; Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Na- 26
both, and the blood of his sons, saith the LORD;
[4] Or, *portion* and I will requite thee in this [4]plat, saith the LORD. Now therefore take and cast him into the plat *of ground*, according to the word of the

27 LORD. [1]But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, Smite him also in the chariot: *and they smote him* at the ascent of Gur, which is by Ibleam.
28 And he fled to Megiddo, and died there. And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers in the city of David.
29 And in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over Judah.
30 And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her eyes, and tired
31 her head, and looked out at the window. And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, [2]Is it
32 peace, thou Zimri, thy master's murderer? And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked
33 out to him two or three eunuchs. And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under
34 foot. And when he was come in, he did eat and drink; and he said, See now to this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's
35 daughter. And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and
36 the feet, and the palms of her hands. Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This is the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall the dogs eat
37 the flesh of Jezebel: and the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.

**10** 1 Now Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria,

[1] See 2 Chr. xxii. 9.

[2] Or, *Is it well*

unto the rulers of Jezreel, even the elders, and unto them that brought up *the sons of* Ahab, saying, And now as soon as this letter cometh 2
to you, seeing your master's sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armour; look ye out the 3
best and meetest of your master's sons, and set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house. But they were exceedingly 4
afraid, and said, Behold, the two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand? And 5
he that was over the household, and he that was over the city, the elders also, and they that brought up *the children*, sent to Jehu, saying, We are thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any man king: do thou that which is good in thine eyes. Then 6
he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye be on my side, and if ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by to-morrow this time. Now the king's sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, which brought them up. And it 7
came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew them, even seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent them unto him to Jezreel. And there came a messenger, and told him, 8
saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning. And it came to pass in the morning, 9
that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, Ye be righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him: but who smote all these? Know now that there shall 10
fall unto the earth nothing of the word of the

LORD, which the LORD spake concerning the house of Ahab: for the LORD hath done that
11 which he spake by his servant Elijah. So Jehu smote all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his familiar friends, and his priests, until he left him
12 none remaining. And he arose and departed, and went to Samaria. And as he was at the [1]shearing house of the shepherds in the way,
13 Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who are ye? And they answered, We are the brethren of Ahaziah: and we go down to salute the children of the king
14 and the children of the queen. And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the [2]pit of the [1]shearing house, even two and forty men; neither left he any of them.

[1] Or, *house of gathering*

[2] Or, *cistern*

15 And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the
16 chariot. And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD. So they made him ride
17 in his chariot. And when he came to Samaria, he smote all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake to Elijah.
18 And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little; but
19 Jehu shall serve him much. Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his worshippers, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice *to do* to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But

Jehu did it in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal. And Jehu 20
said, Sanctify a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it. And Jehu sent through all 21
Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was filled from one end to another. And he said unto him that was over the vestry, 22
Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments. And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of 23
Rechab, into the house of Baal; and he said unto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal only. And they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt 24
offerings. Now Jehu had appointed him four-score men without, and said, If any of the men whom I bring into your hands escape, *he that letteth him go*, his life shall be for the life of him. And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an 25
end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the [1]guard and to the captains, Go in, and slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house of Baal. And they brought 26
forth the [2]pillars that were in the house of Baal, and burned them. And they brake down the 27
pillar of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house, unto this day. Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel. 28
Howbeit from the sins of Jeroboam the son of 29
Nebat, [3]wherewith he made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, *to wit*, the golden calves that were in Beth-el, and that were in Dan. And the LORD said unto Jehu, Because thou hast 30

[1] Heb. *runners.*

[2] Or, *obelisks*

[3] Or, *who*

[1]done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, *and* hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that was in mine heart, thy sons of the fourth generation shall sit on the
31 throne of Israel. But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD, the God of Israel, with all his heart: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, wherewith he made Israel to sin.
32 In those days the LORD began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts
33 of Israel; from Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the
34 valley of Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan. Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
35 And Jehu slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned
36 in his stead. And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty and eight years.

**11** 1 [2]Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and de-
2 stroyed all the seed royal. But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons that were slain, even him and his nurse, [3]*and put them* in the [4]bed-chamber; and they hid him from Athaliah, so
3 that he was not slain. And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.
4 [5]And in the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the captains over hundreds, of the [6]Carites and of the [7]guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD; and he made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the king's

[1] Or, *executed well*

[2] See 2 Chr. xxii. 10—12.

[3] Or, who were
[4] Or, *chamber for the beds*

[5] See 2 Chr. xxiii. 1, &c.
[6] Or, *executioners*
[7] Heb. *runners.*

son. And he commanded them, saying, This is 5
the thing that ye shall do: a third part of you,
that come in on the sabbath, shall be keepers of
the watch of the king's house; and a third part 6
shall be at the gate Sur; and a third part at the
gate behind the guard: so shall ye keep the
watch of the house, and be a barrier. And the 7
two companies of you, even all that go forth on
the sabbath, shall keep the watch of the house
of the LORD about the king. And ye shall 8
compass the king round about, every man with
his weapons in his hand; and he that cometh
within the ranks, let him be slain: and be ye
with the king when he goeth out, and when he
cometh in. And the captains over hundreds 9
did according to all that Jehoiada the priest
commanded: and they took every man his
men, those that were to come in on the sabbath,
with those that were to go out on the sabbath,
and came to Jehoiada the priest. And the 10
priest delivered to the captains over hundreds
the spears and shields that had been king Da-
vid's, which were in the house of the LORD.
And the guard stood, every man with his 11
[1] Heb. *shoulder.* weapons in his hand, from the right [1]side of
the house to the left side of the house, along
by the altar and the house, by the king round
about. Then he brought out the king's son, 12
[2] Or, *put upon him the crown and the testimony* and [2]put the crown upon him, and *gave him* the
testimony; and they made him king, and anointed
him; and they clapped their hands, and said, [3]God
[3] Heb. *Let the king live.* save the king. And when Athaliah heard the 13
noise of the guard *and of* the people, she came
to the people into the house of the LORD: and 14
[4] Or, *on the platform* she looked, and, behold, the king stood [4]by the
pillar, as the manner was, and the captains and
the trumpets by the king; and all the people of
the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets. Then

Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason,
15 treason. And Jehoiada the priest commanded
the captains of hundreds that were set over the
host, and said unto them, Have her forth be-
tween the ranks; and him that followeth her
slay with the sword: for the priest said, Let
16 her not be slain in the house of the LORD. So
they made way for her; and she went by the
way of the horses' entry to the king's house:
and there was she slain.
17 And Jehoiada made a covenant between the
LORD and the king and the people, that they
should be the LORD's people; between the king
18 also and the people. And all the people of the
land went to the house of Baal, and brake it
down; his altars and his images brake they in
pieces thoroughly, and slew Mattan the priest
of Baal before the altars. And the priest ap-
pointed [1]officers over the house of the LORD. [1] Heb. *offices.*
19 And he took the captains over hundreds, and
the Carites, and the guard, and all the people
of the land; and they brought down the king
from the house of the LORD, and came by the
way of the gate of the guard unto the king's
house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.
20 So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the
city was quiet: and they slew Athaliah with the
sword at the king's house.
21 Jehoash was seven years old when he began [Ch. xii. 1 in Heb.]
**12** 1 to reign. In the seventh year of Jehu began
Jehoash to reign; and he reigned forty years in
Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Zibiah
2 of Beer-sheba. And Jehoash did that which
was right in the eyes of the LORD all his days
wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him.
3 Howbeit the high places were not taken away:
the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in
the high places.

And Jehoash said to the priests, All the 4
money of the hallowed things that is brought
into the house of the LORD, [1]in current money,
[2]the money of the persons for whom each man
is rated, and all the money that it cometh into
any man's heart to bring into the house of the
LORD, let the priests take it to them, every man 5
from his acquaintance: and they shall repair the
breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach
shall be found. But it was so, that in the three 6
and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests
had not repaired the breaches of the house.
Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the 7
priest, and for the *other* priests, and said unto
them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the
house? now therefore take no *more* money from
your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches
of the house. And the priests consented that 8
they should take no *more* money from the peo-
ple, neither repair the breaches of the house.
But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored 9
a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the
altar, on the right side as one cometh into the
house of the LORD: and the priests that kept
the [3]door put therein all the money that was
brought into the house of the LORD. And it 10
was so, when they saw that there was much
money in the chest, that the king's [4]scribe and
the high priest came up, and they [5]put up in
bags and told the money that was found in the
house of the LORD. And they gave the money 11
that was weighed out into the hands of them
that did the work, that had the oversight of the
house of the LORD: and they [6]paid it out to
the carpenters and the builders, that wrought
upon the house of the LORD, and to the masons 12
and the hewers of stone, and for buying timber
and hewn stone to repair the breaches of the

[1] Or, even *the money* of every one *that passeth* the numbering See Ex. xxx. 13.
[2] Heb. *each man the money of the souls of his estimation.* See Lev. xxvii. 2.
[3] Heb. *threshold.*
[4] Or, *secretary*
[5] Heb. *bound up and &c.*
[6] Heb. *brought it forth.*

house of the LORD, and for all that [1]was laid out [1] Heb. *went forth.*
13 for the house to repair it. But there were not
made for the house of the LORD cups of silver,
snuffers, basons, trumpets, any vessels of gold,
or vessels of silver, of the money that was
14 brought into the house of the LORD: for they
gave that to them that did the work, and re-
15 paired therewith the house of the LORD. More-
over they reckoned not with the men, into whose
hand they delivered the money to give to them
that did the work: for they dealt faithfully.
16 The money for the guilt offerings, and the
money for the sin offerings, was not brought
into the house of the LORD: it was the priests'.
17 Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and
fought against Gath, and took it: and Hazael
18 set his face to go up to Jerusalem. And Je-
hoash king of Judah took all the hallowed
things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and
Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedic-
ated, and his own hallowed things, and all the
gold that was found in the treasures of the
house of the LORD, and of the king's house, and
sent it to Hazael king of Syria: and he went
19 away from Jerusalem. Now the rest of the acts
of Joash, and all that he did, are they not writ-
ten in the book of the chronicles of the kings
20 of Judah? And his servants arose, and made
a conspiracy, and smote Joash at the house of
Millo, *on the way* that goeth down to Silla.
21 For Jozacar the son of Shimeath, and Jehoza-
bad the son of Shomer, his servants, smote him,
and he died; and they buried him with his fa-
thers in the city of David: and Amaziah his
son reigned in his stead.

**13** 1 In the three and twentieth year of Joash
the son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, Jehoahaz
the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in

Samaria, *and reigned* seventeen years. And he 2
did that which was evil in the sight of the
LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the
son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin;
he departed not therefrom. And the anger of 3
the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he
delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of
Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son
[1] Heb. *all the days.* of Hazael, [1]continually. And Jehoahaz besought 4
the LORD, and the LORD hearkened unto him:
for he saw the oppression of Israel, how that
the king of Syria oppressed them. (And the 5
LORD gave Israel a saviour, so that they went
out from under the hand of the Syrians: and
the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, as
beforetime. Nevertheless they departed not 6
from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, where-
[2] Heb. *he walked.* with he made Israel to sin, but [2]walked therein:
and there remained the Asherah also in Sa-
maria.) For he left not to Jehoahaz of the 7
people save fifty horsemen, and ten chariots,
and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria
[3] Or, *to trample on* destroyed them, and made them like the dust [3]in
threshing. Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, 8
and all that he did, and his might, are they not
written in the book of the chronicles of the
kings of Israel? And Jehoahaz slept with his 9
fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and
Joash his son reigned in his stead.

In the thirty and seventh year of Joash king 10
of Judah began Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz to
reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* six-
teen years. And he did that which was evil in 11
the sight of the LORD; he departed not from all
the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, where-
with he made Israel to sin: but he walked
therein. Now the rest of the acts of Joash, and 12
all that he did, and his might wherewith he

fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the
13 kings of Israel? And Joash slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat upon his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

14 Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died: and Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over [1]him, and said, [2]My father, my father, the [3]chariots of
15 Israel and the horsemen thereof! And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows: and he
16 took unto him bow and arrows. And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow: and he put his hand *upon it.* And Elisha
17 laid his hands upon the king's hands. And he said, Open the window eastward: and he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot: and he shot. And he said, The LORD'S arrow of [4]victory, even the arrow of [4]victory [5]over Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou
18 have consumed them. And he said, Take the arrows: and he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground: and
19 he smote thrice, and stayed. And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice.

20 And Elisha died, and they buried him. Now the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at
21 the coming in of the year. And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and [6]as soon as the man touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

[1] Heb. *his face.*
[2] See ch. ii. 12.
[3] Or, *chariot*
[4] Heb. *salvation.*
[5] Or, *against*
[6] Heb. *when the man went and touched.*

And Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel 22
all the days of Jehoahaz. But the LORD was 23
gracious unto them, and had compassion on
them, and had respect unto them, because of
his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
and would not destroy them, neither cast he
[1] Heb. *until now.* them from his presence [1]as yet. And Hazael 24
king of Syria died; and Ben-hadad his son
reigned in his stead. And Jehoash the son 25
of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Ben-
hadad the son of Hazael the cities which he
had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father
by war. Three times did Joash smite him, and
recovered the cities of Israel.

[2] See 2 Chr. xxv. 1, &c. [2]In the second year of Joash son of Joahaz 1 **14**
king of Israel began Amaziah the son of Joash
king of Judah to reign. He was twenty and 2
five years old when he began to reign; and he
reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem:
and his mother's name was Jehoaddin of Jeru-
salem. And he did that which was right in 3
the eyes of the LORD, yet not like David his
father: he did according to all that Joash his
father had done. Howbeit the high places were 4
not taken away: the people still sacrificed and
burnt incense in the high places. And it came 5
to pass, as soon as the kingdom was established
in his hand, that he slew his servants which had
slain the king his father: but the children of 6
the murderers he put not to death: according
to that which is written in the book of the law
of Moses, as the LORD commanded, saying, The
fathers shall not be put to death for the children,
nor the children be put to death for the fathers;
but every man shall die for his own sin. He 7
slew of Edom in the Valley of Salt ten thousand,
[3] Or, *the rock* and took [3]Sela by war, and called the name of
it Joktheel, unto this day.

8 Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash,
the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel,
saying, Come, let us look one another in the
9 face. And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to
Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The [1]thistle [1] Or, *thorn*
that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was
in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my
son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast
that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.
10 Thou hast indeed smitten Edom, and thine
heart hath lifted thee up: glory thereof, and
abide at home; for why shouldest thou [2]meddle [2] Or, *provoke calamity*
to *thy* hurt, that thou shouldest fall, even thou,
11 and Judah with thee? But Amaziah would not
hear. So Jehoash king of Israel went up; and
he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one
another in the face at Beth-shemesh, which
12 belongeth to Judah. And Judah was put to the
worse before Israel; and they fled every man
13 to his tent. And Jehoash king of Israel took
Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the
son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and came to
Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem
from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner gate,
14 four hundred cubits. And he took all the gold
and silver, and all the vessels that were found in
the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of
the king's house, the hostages also, and returned
15 to Samaria. Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash
which he did, and his might, and how he fought
with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written
in the book of the chronicles of the kings of
16 Israel? And Jehoash slept with his fathers,
and was buried in Samaria with the kings of
Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his
stead.

17 And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah
lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz

king of Israel fifteen years. Now the rest of 18
the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the
book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
And they made a conspiracy against him in 19
Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they
sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there.
And they brought him upon horses: and he 20
was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the
city of David. And all the people of Judah took 21
[1] Azariah, who was sixteen years old, and made
him king in the room of his father Amaziah.
He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after 22
that the king slept with his fathers.

[1] In ch. xv. 13, and 2 Chr. xxvi. 1, *Uzziah*.

In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of 23
Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joash
king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, *and*
*reigned* forty and one years. And he did that 24
which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he
departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the
son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin.
He restored the border of Israel from the enter- 25
ing in of Hamath unto the sea of the Arabah,
according to the word of the LORD, the God
of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his
servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet,
which was of Gath-hepher. For the LORD saw 26
the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter:
for there was none shut up nor left at large,
neither was there any helper for Israel. And 27
the LORD said not that he would blot out the
name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved
them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of
Joash. Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, 28
and all that he did, and his might, how he
warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and
Hamath, *which had belonged* to Judah, for
Israel, are they not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel? And Jero- 29

boam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel; and Zechariah his son reigned in his stead.

15 1 In the twenty and seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel began [1]Azariah son of Amaziah
2 king of Judah to reign. [2]Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned two and fifty years in Jerusalem: and his mother's
3 name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. And he did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had
4 done. Howbeit the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt in-
5 cense in the high places. [3]And the LORD smote the king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a [4]several house. And Jotham the king's son was over the household,
6 judging the people of the land. Now the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles
7 of the kings of Judah? And Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

8 In the thirty and eighth year of Azariah king of Judah did Zechariah the son of Jeroboam
9 reign over Israel in Samaria six months. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,
10 wherewith he made Israel to sin. And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and smote him before the people, and slew him, and
11 reigned in his stead. Now the rest of the acts of Zechariah, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.
12 This was the word of the LORD which he spake unto Jehu, saying, Thy sons to the fourth

[1] In verses 13, 30, &c., *Uzziah*.
[2] See 2 Chr. xxvi. 3, 4.
[3] See 2 Chr. xxvi. 21—23.
[4] Or, *lazar house*

generation shall sit upon the throne of Israel. And so it came to pass.

Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in 13
the nine and thirtieth year of Uzziah king of
Judah; and he reigned the space of a month in
Samaria. And Menahem the son of Gadi went 14
up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and
smote Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria,
and slew him, and reigned in his stead. Now 15
the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his con-
spiracy which he made, behold, they are written
in the book of the chronicles of the kings of
Israel. Then Menahem smote Tiphsah, and 16
all that were therein, and the borders thereof,
from Tirzah: because they opened not to him,
therefore he smote it; and all the women therein
that were with child he ripped up.

In the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah 17
king of Judah began Menahem the son of Gadi
to reign over Israel, *and reigned* ten years in
Samaria. And he did that which was evil in 18
the sight of the LORD: he departed not all his
days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of
Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin. There 19
came against the land Pul the king of Assyria;
and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of
silver, that his hand might be with him to con-
firm the kingdom in his hand. And Menahem 20
exacted the money of Israel, even of all the
mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shekels
of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So
the king of Assyria turned back, and stayed not
there in the land. Now the rest of the acts of 21
Menahem, and all that he did, are they not
written in the book of the chronicles of the
kings of Israel? And Menahem slept with his 22
fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his
stead.

23 In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah
Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign
over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* two years.
24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of
the LORD: he departed not from the sins of
Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made
25 Israel to sin. And Pekah the son of Remaliah,
his captain, conspired against him, and smote
him in Samaria, in the [1]castle of the king's [1] Or, *palace*
house, with Argob and Arieh; and with him
were fifty men of the Gileadites: and he slew
26 him, and reigned in his stead. Now the rest
of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did,
behold, they are written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel.
27 In the two and fiftieth year of Azariah king
of Judah Pekah the son of Remaliah began
to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned*
28 twenty years. And he did that which was evil
in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from
the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, where-
29 with he made Israel to sin. In the days of
Pekah king of Israel came Tiglath-pileser king
of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-maacah,
and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gile-
ad, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali; and
30 he carried them captive to Assyria. And Ho-
shea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against
Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote him, and
slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twen-
31 tieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah. Now
the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he
did, behold, they are written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel.
32 In the second year of Pekah the son of
Remaliah king of Israel began Jotham the son
33 of Uzziah king of Judah to reign. [2]Five and [2] See 2 Chr.
twenty years old was he when he began to xxvii. 1, &c.

reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jerusha the daughter of Zadok. And he did that which 34
was right in the eyes of the LORD: he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done. Howbeit the high places were not taken 35
away: the people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. He built the upper gate of the house of the LORD. Now the rest 36
of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? In those days the 37
LORD began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah. And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was 38
buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of 1 16
Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign. Twenty years old was 2
Ahaz when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and he did not that which was right in the eyes of the LORD his God, like David his father. But he walked in 3
the way of the kings of Israel, yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel. And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high 4
places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah 5
son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him. At that time Rezin 6
king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drave the Jews from [1]Elath: and the [2]Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there, unto this day.
[3]So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser 7

[1] Heb. *Eloth.*
[2] According to another reading, *Edomites.*
[3] See 2 Chr. xxviii. 16, &c.

king of Assyria, saying, I am thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the
8 king of Israel, which rise up against me. And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent it for a present to
9 the king of Assyria. And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: and the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried *the people of* it captive to Kir, and slew
10 Rezin. And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw the altar that was at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the work-
11 manship thereof. And Urijah the priest built an altar: according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus, so did Urijah the priest make it against king Ahaz came from Damascus.
12 And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king drew near
13 unto the altar, and [1]offered thereon. And he burnt his burnt offering and his meal offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of [2]his peace offerings, upon the altar.
14 And the brasen altar, which was before the LORD, he brought from the forefront of the house, from between his altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the north side of his
15 altar. And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meal offering, and the king's burnt offering, and his meal offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meal offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the

[1] Or, *went up unto it*

[2] Heb. *the peace offerings which were his.*

blood of the sacrifice: but the brasen altar shall be for me to inquire by. Thus did Urijah 16
the priest, according to all that king Ahaz com-
[1] Or, *panels* manded. And king Ahaz cut off the [1]borders 17
of the bases, and removed the laver from off them; and took down the sea from off the brasen oxen that were under it, and put it upon
[2] Or, *covered place* a pavement of stone. And the [2]covered way 18
for the sabbath that they had built in the house,
[3] Or, *round* and the king's entry without, turned he [3]unto the house of the LORD, because of the king of
Assyria. Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz 19
which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And 20
Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah 1 **17**
began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel, *and reigned* nine years.
And he did that which was evil in the sight 2
of the LORD, yet not as the kings of Israel that were before him. Against him came up Shal- 3
maneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and brought him presents. And the 4
king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and offered no present to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison. Then the king of Assyria came up 5
throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. In the ninth 6
year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away unto Assyria, and placed them in Halah, and in Habor, *on* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.
And it was so, because the children of Israel 7

had sinned against the LORD their God, which
brought them up out of the land of Egypt from
under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and
8 had feared other gods, and walked in the
statutes of the nations, whom the LORD cast
out from before the children of Israel, and of
9 the kings of Israel, which they [1]made. And [1] Or, *practised*
the children of Israel did secretly things that
were not right against the LORD their God,
and they built them high places in all their
cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the
10 fenced city. And they set them up [2]pillars [2] Or, *obelisks*
and Asherim upon every high hill, and under
11 every green tree: and there they burnt incense
in all the high places, as did the nations whom
the LORD carried away before them; and
wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD
12 to anger: and they served idols, whereof the
LORD had said unto them, Ye shall not do
13 this thing. Yet the LORD testified unto Israel,
and unto Judah, by the hand of every prophet,
and of every seer, saying, Turn ye from your
evil ways, and keep my commandments and my
statutes, according to all the law which I com-
manded your fathers, and which I sent to you
14 by the hand of my servants the prophets. Not-
withstanding they would not hear, but hardened
their neck, like to the neck of their fathers,
who believed not in the LORD their God.
15 And they rejected his statutes, and his coven-
ant that he made with their fathers, and his
testimonies which he testified unto them; and
they followed vanity, and became vain, and
*went* after the nations that were round about
them, concerning whom the LORD had charged
16 them that they should not do like them. And
they forsook all the commandments of the
LORD their God, and made them molten images,

even two calves, and made an Asherah, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. And they caused their sons and their 17
daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. Therefore 18
the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only. Also Judah 19
kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which
[1] Or, *practised* they [1]made. And the LORD rejected all the 20
seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight. For he rent Israel from 21
the house of David; and they made Jeroboam
[2] According to another reading, *drew Israel away.* the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam [2]drave Israel from following the LORD, and made them
sin a great sin. And the children of Israel 22
walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them; until the 23
LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he spake by the hand of all his servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away out of their own land to Assyria, unto this day.

And the king of Assyria brought men from 24
Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Avva, and from Hamath and Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof. And so it was, 25
at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which killed some of them. Wherefore they spake to the king of 26
Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast carried away, and placed in the cities of Sama-

ria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know
27 not the manner of the God of the land. Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God
28 of the land. So one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they should
29 fear the LORD. Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they
30 dwelt. And the men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal,
31 and the men of Hamath made Ashima, and the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in the fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the [1]gods of
32 Sepharvaim. So they feared the LORD, and made unto them from among themselves priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in
33 the houses of the high places. They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations from among whom they
34 had been carried away. Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law or after the commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel;
35 with whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor
36 serve them, nor sacrifice to them: but the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt

[1] Or, *god*

with great power and with a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and unto him shall ye bow yourselves, and to him shall ye sacrifice: and 37
the statutes and the ordinances, and the law and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods: and the covenant 38
that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods: but the LORD 39
your God shall ye fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies. How- 40
beit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner. So these nations feared 41
the LORD, and served their graven images; their children likewise, and their children's children, as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

Now it came to pass in the third year of 1 **18**
Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to
[1] See 2 Chr. xxix. 1, 2.
reign. [1]Twenty and five years old was he when 2
he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah. And he 3
did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done. He removed the high places, and 4
brake the pillars, and cut down the Asherah: and he brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made; for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it; and [2]he
[2] Or, *it was called*
called it [3]Nehushtan. He trusted in the LORD, 5
[3] That is, *A piece of brass.*
the God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor *among them* that were before him. For he clave to the 6
LORD, he departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses. And the LORD was with him; 7
whithersoever he went forth he prospered: and

he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and
8 served him not. He smote the Philistines unto
Gaza and the borders thereof, from the tower
of the watchmen to the fenced city.
9 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king
Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea
son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmaneser
king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and
10 besieged it. And at the end of three years
they took it: even in the sixth year of Hezekiah,
which was the ninth year of Hoshea king of
11 Israel, Samaria was taken. And the king of
Assyria carried Israel away unto Assyria, and
put them in Halah, and in Habor, *on* the river
12 of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes: because
they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their
God, but transgressed his covenant, even all
that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded,
and would not hear it, nor do it.
13 [1]Now in the fourteenth year of king Hez- [1] See Is. xxxvi. 1—xxxix. 8, 2 Chr. xxxii. 1, &c.
ekiah did [2]Sennacherib king of Assyria come up
against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took
14 them. And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to [2] Heb. *Sanherib*.
the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have
offended; return from me: that which thou
puttest on me will I bear. And the king of
Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah
three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents
15 of gold. And Hezekiah gave *him* all the silver
that was found in the house of the LORD, and
16 in the treasures of the king's house. At that
time did Hezekiah cut off *the gold from* the
doors of the temple of the LORD, and *from* the
[3]pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had over- [3] Or, *door posts*
17 laid, and gave it to the king of Assyria. And
the king of Assyria sent [4]Tartan and [4]Rab-saris [4] The titles of Assyrian officers.
and [4]Rabshakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah
with a great army unto Jerusalem. And they

went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the high way of the fuller's field. And when they had 18
called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the
[1] Or, *secretary* household, and Shebnah the [1]scribe, and Joah
[2] Or, *chronicler* the son of Asaph the [2]recorder. And Rab- 19
shakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou
[3] Heb. *a word of the lips.* trustest? Thou sayest, but they are but [3]vain 20
words, *There is* counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me? Now, behold, thou trustest 21
upon the staff of this bruised reed, even upon Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him. But if ye 22
say unto me, We trust in the LORD our God: is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem? Now therefore, I pray 23
[4] Or, *make a wager with* thee, [4]give pledges to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. How then canst thou turn away the 24
face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? Am I now come up 25
without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it. Then said Eliakim 26
the son of Hilkiah, and Shebnah, and Joah, unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants
[5] Heb. *Aramean.* in the [5]Syrian language; for we understand it: and speak not with us in the Jews' language, in

the ears of the people that are on the wall.
27 But Rabshakeh said unto them, Hath my master
sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak
these words? *hath he* not *sent me* to the men
which sit on the wall, to eat their own dung,
28 and to drink their own water with you? Then
Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in
the Jews' language, and spake, saying, Hear ye
the word of the great king, the king of Assyria.
29 Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive
you; for he shall not be able to deliver you out
30 of his hand: neither let Hezekiah make you
trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely
deliver us, and this city shall not be given into
31 the hand of the king of Assyria. Hearken not
to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria,
[1]Make your peace with me, and come out to me; [1] Heb. *Make with me a blessing.*
and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one
of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters
32 of his own cistern; until I come and take you
away to a land like your own land, a land of
corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a
land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live,
and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah,
when he persuadeth you, saying, The LORD will
33 deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations
ever delivered his land out of the hand of the
34 king of Assyria? Where are the gods of Hamath,
and of Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah? have they delivered
35 Samaria out of my hand? Who are they among
all the gods of the countries, that have delivered
their country out of my hand, that the LORD
36 should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand? But
the people held their peace, and answered him
not a word: for the king's commandment was,
37 saying, Answer him not. Then came Eliakim
the son of Hilkiah, which was over the house-

hold, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

19 1 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. 2 And he sent Eliakim, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. 3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of contumely: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. 4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, [1]whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is left. 5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 6 And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. 7 Behold, I will put a spirit in him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

[1] Or, *wherewith the king of Assyria hath sent him*

8 So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. 9 And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee: he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying, 10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest

deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.
11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by [1]destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered?
12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them, which my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden
13 which were in Telassar? Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah?
14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread
15 it before the LORD. And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD, the God of Israel, that [2]sittest upon the cherubim, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and
16 earth. Incline thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open thine eyes, O LORD, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, wherewith he hath
17 sent him to reproach the living God. Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid
18 waste the nations and their lands, and have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone;
19 therefore they have destroyed them. Now therefore, O LORD our God, save thou us, I beseech thee, out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know [3]that thou art the LORD God, even thou only.

20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have heard *thee.*
21 This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him: The virgin daughter of Zion

[1] Heb. *devoting them.*

[2] Or, *dwellest between*

[3] Or, *that thou, O LORD, art God*

hath despised thee and laughed thee to scorn;
the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head
[1] Heb. *after.* [1]at thee. Whom hast thou reproached and 22
blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice and lifted up thine eyes on high? *even* against the Holy One of Israel.
By thy messengers thou hast reproached the 23
[2] According to another reading, *driving.* Lord, and hast said, With the [2]multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the innermost parts of Lebanon; and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, and
[3] Or, *cypress* the choice [3]fir trees thereof: and I will enter into his farthest lodging place, the forest of his fruitful field. I have digged and drunk strange 24
waters, and with the sole of my feet will I dry
[4] Or, *defence* Heb. *Mazor.* up all the rivers of [4]Egypt. Hast thou not 25
heard how I have done it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps. Therefore their in- 26
habitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up. But I know thy sitting down, 27
and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy raging against me. Because of thy raging against 28
[5] Or, *thy careless ease* me, and for that [5]thine arrogancy is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.
And this shall be the sign unto thee: ye shall 29
eat this year that which groweth of itself, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.
[6] Heb. *the escaped of the house of Judah that remain.* And [6]the remnant that is escaped of the house 30
of Judah shall again take root downward, and

31 bear fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem shall
go forth a remnant, and out of mount Zion they
that shall escape: the zeal of [1]the LORD shall
32 perform this. Therefore thus saith the LORD
concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not
come unto this city, nor shoot an arrow there,
neither shall he come before it with shield, nor
33 cast a mount against it. By the way that he
came, by the same shall he return, and he shall
34 not come unto this city, saith the LORD. For
I will defend this city to save it, for mine own
sake, and for my servant David's sake.

35 [2]And it came to pass that night, that the angel
of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp
of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five
thousand: and when men arose early in the
morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.
36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and
37 went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. And
it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the
house of Nisroch his god, that [3]Adrammelech
and Sharezer smote him with the sword: and
they escaped into the land of Ararat. And
Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.

**20** 1 [4]In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death.
And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came
to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD,
Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die,
2 and not live. Then he turned his face to the
3 wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying, Re-
member now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I
have walked before thee in truth and with a
perfect heart, and have done that which is good
4 in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. And
it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone [5]out into
[6]the middle part of the city, that the word of
5 the LORD came to him, saying, Turn again, and
say to Hezekiah the [7]prince of my people, Thus

[1] According to another reading, *the* LORD *of hosts* and so in Is. xxxvii. 32.

[2] See 2 Chr. xxxii. 21.

[3] According to another reading, *Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons* and so in Is. xxxvii. 38.

[4] See 2 Chr. xxxii. 24.

[5] Or, *out of*

[6] According to another reading, *the middle court.*

[7] Or, *leader*

saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD. 6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. 7 And Isaiah said, Take a cake of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered. 8 And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up unto the house of the LORD the third day? 9 And Isaiah said, This shall be the sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: [1]shall the shadow go forward ten [2]steps, or go back ten steps? 10 And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to decline ten steps: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten steps. 11 And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten steps backward, by which it had gone down on the [3]dial of Ahaz.

[1] Or, *the shadow is gone forward ten steps, shall it go back &c.*

[2] Or, *degrees*

[3] Heb. *steps.*

[4] At that time [5]Berodach-baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick. 12 And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and shewed them all the house of his [6]precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious oil, and [7]the house of his [8]armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not. 13 Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come 14

[4] See 2 Chr. xxxii. 31.

[5] In Is. xxxix. 1, *Merodach-baladan.*

[6] Or, *spicery*

[7] Another reading is, *all the house.*

[8] Or, *jewels*

15 from a far country, even from Babylon. And he
said, What have they seen in thine house? And
Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house
have they seen: there is nothing among my
16 treasures that I have not shewed them. And
Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of
17 the LORD. Behold, the days come, that all that
is in thine house, and that which thy fathers
have laid up in store unto this day, shall be
carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith
18 the LORD. And of thy sons that shall issue from
thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take
away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace
19 of the king of Babylon. Then said Hezekiah
unto Isaiah, Good is the word of the LORD
which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, Is
it not so, if peace and truth shall be in my days?
20 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all
his might, and how he made the pool, and the
conduit, and brought water into the city, are they
not written in the book of the chronicles of the
21 kings of Judah? [1]And Hezekiah slept with his [1] See 2 Chr. xxxii. 33.
fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his
stead.

**21** 1 [2]Manasseh was twelve years old when he [2] See 2 Chr. xxxiii. 1, &c.
began to reign; and he reigned five and fifty
years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was
2 Hephzi-bah. And he did that which was evil in
the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of
the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the
3 children of Israel. For he built again the high
places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed;
and he reared up altars for Baal, and made an
Asherah, as did Ahab king of Israel, and wor-
shipped all the host of heaven, and served them.
4 And he built altars in the house of the LORD,
whereof the LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put
5 my name. And he built altars for all the host of

heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. And he made his son to pass through 6
the fire, and practised augury, and used enchantments, and [1]dealt with them that had
familiar spirits, and with wizards: he wrought
much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke
him to anger. And he set the graven image of 7
Asherah, that he had made, in the house of which
the LORD said to David and to Solomon his
son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I
have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, will I
put my name for ever: neither will I cause the 8
feet of Israel to wander any more out of the land
which I gave their fathers; if only they will
observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that
my servant Moses commanded them. But they 9
hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to
do that which is evil more than did the nations,
whom the LORD destroyed before the children of
Israel. And the LORD spake by his servants 10
the prophets, saying, Because Manasseh king of 11
Judah hath done these abominations, and hath
done wickedly above all that the Amorites did,
which were before him, and hath made Judah
also to sin with his idols: therefore thus saith 12
the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I bring
such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle.
And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of 13
Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab:
and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth
a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.
And I will cast off the remnant of mine inherit- 14
ance, and deliver them into the hand of their
enemies; and they shall become a prey and a
spoil to all their enemies; because they have 15
done that which is evil in my sight, and have

[1] Or, *appointed* Heb. *made.*

provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.
16 Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the
17 sight of the LORD. Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of
18 the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [1]And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.
19 Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Meshul-
20 lemeth the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the
21 LORD, as did Manasseh his father. And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and
22 worshipped them: and he forsook the LORD, the God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of
23 the LORD. And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and put the king to death in his
24 own house. But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son
25 king in his stead. Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
26 And he was buried in his sepulchre in the garden of Uzza: and Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

[1] See 2 Chr. xxxiii. 20—25.

**22** 1 [2]Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jedidah
2 the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. And he

[2] See 2 Chr. xxxiv. 1, &c.

did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of 3
king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying, Go up to Hilkiah 4
the high priest, that he may sum the money which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the [1]door have gathered of the people: and let them deliver it into the 5
hand of the workmen that have the oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the workmen which are in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house; unto 6
the carpenters, and to the builders, and to the masons; and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the house. Howbeit there was no 7
reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand; for they dealt faithfully. And Hilkiah the high priest said 8
unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan, and he read it. And Shaphan the scribe came 9
to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have [2]emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen that have the oversight of the house of the LORD. And Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, 10
Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. And it 11
came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiah the 12
priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and

[1] Heb. *threshold.*

[2] Or, *poured out*

Achbor the son of Micaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying,
13 Go ye, inquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto
14 all that which is [1]written concerning us. So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the [2]second
15 quarter;) and they communed with her. And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Tell ye the man that sent you
16 unto me, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book
17 which the king of Judah hath read: because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place,
18 and it shall not be quenched. But unto the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: As touching the words
19 which thou hast heard, because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become [3]a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the
20 LORD. Therefore, behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy

[1] Or, *enjoined us*

[2] Heb. *Mishneh.*

[3] Or, *an astonishment*

grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

[1] See 2 Chr. xxxiv. 29—32.

[1]And the king sent, and they gathered unto 1 **23**
him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.
And the king went up to the house of the 2
LORD, and all the men of Judah and all the
inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the
priests, and the prophets, and all the people,
both small and great: and he read in their ears
all the words of the book of the covenant which
was found in the house of the LORD. And the 3
[2] Or, *on the platform* king stood [2]by the pillar, and made a covenant
before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to
keep his commandments, and his testimonies,
and his statutes, with all *his* heart, and all *his*
[3] Or, *perform* soul, to [3]confirm the words of this covenant that
were written in this book: and all the people
stood to the covenant. And the king com- 4
manded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests
of the second order, and the keepers of the
[4] Heb. *threshold.* [4]door, to bring forth out of the temple of the
LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and
for the Asherah, and for all the host of heaven:
and he burned them without Jerusalem in the
fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them
[5] Heb. *Chemarim.* See Hos. x. 5, Zeph. i. 4. unto Beth-el. And he put down the [5]idolatrous 5
priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained
to burn incense in the high places in the cities
of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusa-
lem; them also that burned incense unto Baal,
[6] Or, *twelve signs* to the sun, and to the moon, and to the [6]planets,
and to all the host of heaven. And he brought 6
out the Asherah from the house of the LORD,
without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and
burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it
[7] Heb. *children of the people.* small to powder, and cast the powder thereof
upon the graves of the [7]common people. And 7

he brake down the houses of the [1]sodomites, that were in the house of the LORD, where the
8 women wove [2]hangings for the Asherah. And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beer-sheba; and he brake down the high places of the gates that were at the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city.
9 Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they did eat unleavened bread among their
10 brethren. And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the [3]children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to
11 pass through the fire to Molech. And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the chamberlain, which was in the precincts; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire.
12 And the altars that were on the roof of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king break down, and [4]beat *them* down from thence, and cast the dust of them
13 into the brook Kidron. And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of [5]corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of
14 Ammon, did the king defile. And he brake in pieces the [6]pillars, and cut down the Asherim, and filled their places with the bones of men.

[1] See 1 Kings xiv. 24, xv. 12.
[2] Or, *tents* Heb. *houses.*
[3] According to another reading, *son.*
[4] Or, *ran from thence*
[5] Or, *destruction*
[6] Or, *obelisks*

Moreover the altar that was at Beth-el, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, even that altar and the high place he brake down; and he burned the high place and stamped it small to powder, and burned the Asherah. And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount; and he sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and defiled it, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these things. Then he said, What monument is that which I see? And the men of the city told him, It is the sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Beth-el. And he said, Let him be; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria. And all the houses also of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke *the* LORD to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el. And he [1]slew all the priests of the high places that were there, upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them; and he returned to Jerusalem.

15 16 17 18 19 20

[1] Or, *sacrificed*

And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto the LORD your God, as it is written in this book of the covenant. Surely there was not kept such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, [2]nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah; but in the eighteenth year of king Josiah was this passover kept to the LORD in Jerusalem. More-

21 22 23 24

[2] Or, *even in all...and of*

over them that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the teraphim, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might [1]confirm the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah
25 the priest found in the house of the LORD. And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him
26 arose there any like him. Notwithstanding the LORD turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that
27 Manasseh had provoked him withal. And the LORD said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and I will cast off this city which I have chosen, even Jerusalem, and the house of which I said, My name
28 shall be there. Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of
29 Judah? [2]In his days Pharaoh-necoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him; and he slew him at Megiddo,
30 when he had seen him. And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre. [3]And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.

31 Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of

[1] Or, *perform*

[2] See 2 Chr. xxxv. 20—24.

[3] See 2 Chr. xxxvi. 1—4.

Libnah. And he did that which was evil in 32
the sight of the LORD, according to all that his
fathers had done. And Pharaoh-necoh put him 33
in bands at Riblah in the land of Hamath,
[1] that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put
the land to a [2] tribute of an hundred talents of
silver, and a talent of gold. And Pharaoh-necoh 34
made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the
room of Josiah his father, and changed his
name to Jehoiakim: but he took Jehoahaz away;
and he came to Egypt, and died there. And Je- 35
hoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh;
but he taxed the land to give the money ac-
cording to the commandment of Pharaoh: he
exacted the silver and the gold of the people of
the land, of every one according to his taxation,
to give it unto Pharaoh-necoh.

[1] According to another reading, *when he reigned.*
[2] Or, *fine*

[3] Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old 36
when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven
years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was
Zebidah the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.
And he did that which was evil in the sight of 37
the LORD, according to all that his fathers had
done. In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of 1 **24**
Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his
servant three years: then he turned and re-
belled against him. And the LORD sent against 2
him bands of the Chaldeans, and bands of the
Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands
of the children of Ammon, and sent them
against Judah to destroy it, according to the
word of the LORD, which he spake by the hand
of his servants the prophets. Surely at the 3
commandment of the LORD came this upon
Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for the
sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did;
and also for the innocent blood that he shed; 4
for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood: and

[3] See 2 Chr. xxxvi. 5, &c.

the LORD would not pardon. Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead. And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land: for the king of Babylon had taken, from the brook of Egypt unto the river Euphrates, all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign; and he reigned in Jerusalem three months: and his mother's name was Nehushta the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done. At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up to Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came unto the city, while his servants were besieging it; and Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his [1]officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign. And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said. And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths; none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land. And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon; and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his [1]officers, and the

[1] Or, *eunuchs*

[1] Or, *mighty*

[1]chief men of the land, carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. And all the men 16
of might, even seven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths a thousand, all of them strong and apt for war, even them the king of
[2] See 2 Chr. xxxvi. 10—13. Babylon brought captive to Babylon. [2]And the 17
king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

[3] See Jer. lii. 1, &c.

[3]Zedekiah was twenty and one years old 18
when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name
[4] Heb. *Hamital.* was [4]Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. And he did that which was evil in 19
the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. For through the anger 20
of the LORD did it come to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence: and Zedekiah rebelled against the
[5] See 2 Chr. xxxvi. 17—20. king of Babylon. [5]And it came to pass in the 1 **25**
ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it; and they built forts against it round about. So 2
the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. On the ninth day of the 3
*fourth* month the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. Then a breach was made in the city, and 4
all the men of war *fled* by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden: (now the Chaldeans were against the city round about:) and *the king* went
by the way of the Arabah. But the army of the 5
Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army was scattered from him. Then they took the 6

king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they [1]gave judgement upon him. And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

[1] Or, *spake with him of judgement*

Now in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem: and he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, even every great house, burnt he with fire. And all the army of the Chaldeans, that were *with* the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about. And the residue of the people that were left in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the residue of the multitude, did Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carry away captive. But the captain of the guard left of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen. And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases and the brasen sea that were in the house of the LORD, did the Chaldeans break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon. And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away. And the firepans, and the basons; that which was of gold, in gold, and that which was of silver, in silver, the captain of the guard took away. The two pillars, the one sea, and the bases, which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD; the brass of all these vessels was without weight. The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and a chapiter of

brass was upon it: and the height of the chapiter was three cubits; with network and pomegranates upon the chapiter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with network. And the captain of the 18
guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of
[1] Heb. *threshold.* [2] Or, *eunuch* the [1]door: and out of the city he took an [2]officer 19
that was set over the men of war; and five men of them that saw the king's face, which were
[3] Or, *scribe of the captain of the host* found in the city; and the [3]scribe, the captain of the host, which mustered the people of the land; and threescore men of the people of the land, that were found in the city. And Nebuzaradan 20
the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. And 21
the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away captive out of his land. And as for the people that were left in the 22
land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, governor.

[4] See Jer. xl. 7—9. [4]Now when all the captains of the forces, 23
they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men. And Gedaliah 24
sware to them and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not because of the servants of the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.
[5] See Jer. xli. 1, 2. [5]But it came to pass in the seventh month, 25
that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of

Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldeans that were with
26 him at Mizpah. And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the forces, arose, and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Chaldeans.

27 [1]And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah
28 out of prison; and he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that
29 were with him in Babylon. And he changed his prison garments, and did eat bread before
30 him continually all the days of his life. And for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him of the king, every day a portion, all the days of his life.

[1] See Jer. lii. 31—34.

# THE FIRST BOOK

OF

# THE CHRONICLES.

ADAM, Seth, Enosh; Kenan, Mahalalel, 1, 2 **1**
Jared; Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech; Noah, 3, 4
Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, 5
and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech,
and Tiras. And the sons of Gomer; Ashke- 6
[1] In Gen. x. 3, *Riphath.* naz, and [1]Diphath, and Togarmah. And the 7
sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim,
[2] In Gen. x. 4, *Dodanim.* and [2]Rodanim.

The sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, Put, 8
and Canaan. And the sons of Cush; Seba, and 9
Havilah, and Sabta, and Raama, and Sabteca.
And the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.
And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a 10
mighty one in the earth. And Mizraim begat 11
Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naph-
tuhim, and Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from 12
[3] Heb. *Pelishtim.* whence came [3]the Philistines), and Caphtorim.
And Canaan begat Zidon his firstborn, and 13
Heth; and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and 14
the Girgashite; and the Hivite, and the Ark- 15
ite, and the Sinite; and the Arvadite, and the 16
Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

The sons of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and 17
Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and
[4] In Gen. x. 23, *Mash.* Hul, and Gether, and [4]Meshech. And Arpach- 18

shad begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber.
19 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name
of the one was Peleg; for in his days the earth
was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.
20 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and
21 Hazarmaveth, and Jerah; and Hadoram, and
22 Uzal, and Diklah; and [1]Ebal, and Abimael, and
Sheba; and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab.
23 All these were the sons of Joktan.
24, 25 Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah; Eber, Peleg,
26, 27 Reu; Serug, Nahor, Terah; Abram (the same
28 is Abraham). The sons of Abraham; Isaac,
and Ishmael.
29 These are their generations: the firstborn of
Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, and Adbeel,
30 and Mibsam, Mishma, and Dumah, Massa;
31 Hadad, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Ke-
demah. These are the sons of Ishmael.
32 And the sons of Keturah, Abraham's con-
cubine: she bare Zimran, and Jokshan, and
Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah.
And the sons of Jokshan; Sheba, and Dedan.
33 And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher,
and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All
these were the sons of Keturah.
34 And Abraham begat Isaac. The sons of
Isaac; Esau, and Israel.
35 The sons of Esau; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush,
36 and Jalam, and Korah. The sons of Eliphaz;
Teman, and Omar, [2]Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz,
37 and Timna, and Amalek. The sons of Reuel;
38 Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. And
the sons of Seir; Lotan and Shobal and Zibeon
and Anah, and Dishon and Ezer and Dishan.
39 And the sons of Lotan; Hori and [3]Homam:
40 and Timna was Lotan's sister. The sons of
Shobal; [4]Alian and Manahath and Ebal, [5]Shephi
and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon; Aiah and

[1] In Gen. x. 28, *Obal.*

[2] In Gen. xxxvi. 11, *Zepho.*

[3] In Gen. xxxvi. 22, *Hemam.*

[4] In Gen. xxxvi. 23, *Alvan.*

[5] In Gen. xxxvi. 23, *Shepho.*

Anah. The sons of Anah; Dishon. And the 41
sons of Dishon; [1]Hamran and Eshban and
Ithran and Cheran. The sons of Ezer; Bilhan 42
and Zaavan, [2]Jaakan. The sons of Dishan;
Uz and Aran. Now these are the kings that 43
reigned in the land of Edom, before there
reigned any king over the children of Israel:
Bela the son of Beor; and the name of his city
was Dinhabah. And Bela died, and Jobab the 44
son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.
And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the 45
Temanites reigned in his stead. And Husham 46
died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, which smote
Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his
stead: and the name of his city was Avith.
And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah 47
reigned in his stead. And Samlah died, and 48
Shaul of Rehoboth by the River reigned in his
stead. And Shaul died, and Baal-hanan the son 49
of Achbor reigned in his stead. And Baal-hanan 50
died, and [3]Hadad reigned in his stead; and the
name of his city was [4]Pai: and his wife's name
was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the
daughter of Me-zahab. And Hadad died. And 51
the dukes of Edom were; duke Timna, duke
[5]Aliah, duke Jetheth; duke Oholibamah, duke 52
Elah, duke Pinon; duke Kenaz, duke Teman, 53
duke Mibzar; duke Magdiel, duke Iram. These 54
are the dukes of Edom.

[1] In Gen. xxxvi. 26, *Hemdan.*
[2] In Gen. xxxvi. 27, *and Akan.*
[3] In Gen. xxxvi. 39, *Hadar.*
[4] In Gen. xxxvi. 39, *Pau.*
[5] In Gen. xxxvi. 40, *Alvah.*

2 These are the sons of Israel; Reuben, 1
Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar and Zebu-
lun; Dan, Joseph and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad 2
and Asher.

The sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and She- 3
lah: which three were born unto him of Bath-
shua the Canaanitess. And Er, Judah's first-
born, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; and
he slew him. And Tamar his daughter in law 4

bare him Perez and Zerah. All the sons of
5 Judah were five. The sons of Perez; Hezron
6 and Hamul. And the sons of Zerah; [1]Zimri,
and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and [2]Dara:
7 five of them in all. And the sons of Carmi;
[3]Achar, the troubler of Israel, who committed a
8 trespass in the devoted thing. And the sons of
9 Ethan; Azariah. The sons also of Hezron,
that were born unto him; Jerahmeel, and Ram,
10 and Chelubai. And Ram begat Amminadab;
and Amminadab begat Nahshon, prince of the
11 children of Judah; and Nahshon begat Salma,
12 and Salma begat Boaz; and Boaz begat Obed,
13 and Obed begat Jesse; and Jesse begat his
firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and
14 Shimea the third; Nethanel the fourth, Raddai
15 the fifth; Ozem the sixth, David the seventh:
16 and their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail.
And the sons of Zeruiah; [4]Abishai, and Joab,
17 and Asahel, three. And Abigail bare Amasa:
and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmael-
18 ite. And Caleb the son of Hezron begat
*children* of Azubah *his* wife, and of Jerioth:
and these were her sons; Jesher, and Shobab,
19 and Ardon. And Azubah died, and Caleb took
20 unto him Ephrath, which bare him Hur. And
21 Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat Bezalel. And
afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of
Machir the father of Gilead; whom he took *to*
*wife* when he was threescore years old; and she
22 bare him Segub. And Segub begat Jair, who
had three and twenty cities in the land of Gilead.
23 And Geshur and Aram took [5]the towns of Jair
from them, with Kenath, and the [6]villages there-
of, even threescore cities. All these were the
24 sons of Machir the father of Gilead. And after
that Hezron was dead in Caleb-ephrathah, then
Abiah Hezron's wife bare him Ashhur the father

[1] In Josh. vii. 1, *Zabdi*.
[2] Many ancient authorities read, *Darda*. See 1 Kings iv. 31.
[3] In Josh. vii. 1, *Achan*.
[4] Heb. *Abshai*.
[5] Or, *Havvoth-jair*
[6] Heb. *daughters*.

of Tekoa. And the sons of Jerahmeel the first- 25
born of Hezron were Ram the firstborn, and
Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, Ahijah. And 26
Jerahmeel had another wife, whose name was
Atarah; she was the mother of Onam. And 27
the sons of Ram the firstborn of Jerahmeel were
Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker. And the sons of 28
Onam were Shammai, and Jada: and the sons
of Shammai; Nadab, and Abishur. And the 29
name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail; and
she bare him Ahban, and Molid. And the sons 30
of Nadab; Seled, and Appaim: but Seled died
[1] Or, *sons* without [1]children. And the sons of Appaim; 31
Ishi. And the sons of Ishi; Sheshan. And
the sons of Sheshan; Ahlai. And the sons 32
of Jada the brother of Shammai; Jether, and
Jonathan: and Jether died without [1]children.
And the sons of Jonathan; Peleth, and Zaza. 33
These were the sons of Jerahmeel. Now She- 34
shan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan
had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was
Jarha. And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha 35
his servant to wife; and she bare him Attai.
And Attai begat Nathan, and Nathan begat 36
Zabad; and Zabad begat Ephlal, and Ephlal 37
begat Obed; and Obed begat Jehu, and Jehu 38
begat Azariah; and Azariah begat Helez, and 39
Helez begat Eleasah; and Eleasah begat Sis- 40
mai, and Sismai begat Shallum; and Shallum 41
begat Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begat Eli-
shama. And the sons of Caleb the brother of 42
Jerahmeel were Mesha his firstborn, which was
the father of Ziph; and the sons of Mareshah
the father of Hebron. And the sons of Hebron; 43
Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema.
And Shema begat Raham, the father of Jor- 44
keam; and Rekem begat Shammai. And the 45
son of Shammai was Maon; and Maon was the

46 father of Beth-zur. And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bare Haran, and Moza, and Gazez: and
47 Haran begat Gazez. And the sons of Jahdai; Regem, and Jotham, and Geshan, and Pelet,
48 and Ephah, and Shaaph. Maacah, Caleb's con-
49 cubine, bare Sheber and Tirhanah. She bare also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbena, and the father of Gibea;
50 and the daughter of Caleb was Achsah. These were the sons of Caleb; the [1]son of Hur, the first-born of Ephrathah, Shobal the father of Kiriath-
51 jearim; Salma the father of Beth-lehem, Hareph
52 the father of Beth-gader. And Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim had sons; Haroeh, half of the
53 Menuhoth. And the families of Kiriath-jearim; the Ithrites, and the Puthites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; of them came the
54 Zorathites and the Eshtaolites. The sons of Salma; Beth-lehem, and the Netophathites, Atroth-beth-Joab, and half of the Manahathites,
55 the Zorites. And the families of scribes which dwelt at Jabez; the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, the Sucathites. These are the Kenites that came of Hammath, the father of the house of Rechab.

[1] The Sept. has, *sons*.

3 1 Now these were the sons of David, which were born unto him in Hebron: the firstborn, Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second,
2 Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess; the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah
3 the son of Haggith; the fifth, Shephatiah of Abital; the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife.
4 Six were born unto him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years.
5 And these were born unto him in Jerusalem: Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon,

four, of Bath-shua the daughter of Ammiel:
and Ibhar, and Elishama, and Eliphelet; and 6, 7
Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia; and Elishama, 8
and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine. All these 9
were the sons of David, beside the sons of the
concubines; and Tamar was their sister. And 10
Solomon's son was Rehoboam, Abijah his son,
Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son; Joram his 11
son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son; Amaziah 12
his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son; Ahaz 13
his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son;
Amon his son, Josiah his son. And the sons 14, 15
of Josiah; the firstborn Johanan, the second
Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shal-
lum. And the sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah 16
his son, Zedekiah his son. And the sons 17
[1] Or, *Assir* of Jeconiah, [1]the captive; Shealtiel his son,
and Malchiram, and Pedaiah, and Shenazzar, 18
Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah. And the 19
sons of Pedaiah; Zerubbabel, and Shimei:
[2] Heb. *son.* and the [2]sons of Zerubbabel; Meshullam, and
Hananiah; and Shelomith was their sister:
and Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and 20
Hasadiah, Jushab-hesed, five. And the [2]sons 21
of Hananiah; Pelatiah, and Jeshaiah: the sons
of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of
Obadiah, the sons of Shecaniah. And the 22
sons of Shecaniah; Shemaiah: and the sons
of Shemaiah; Hattush, and Igal, and Bariah,
and Neariah, and Shaphat, six. And the [2]sons 23
of Neariah; Elioenai, and Hizkiah, and Azrikam,
three. And the sons of Elioenai; Hodaviah, 24
and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and
Johanan, and Delaiah, and Anani, seven.

The sons of Judah; Perez, Hezron, and 1 **4**
Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal. And Reaiah the 2
son of Shobal begat Jahath; and Jahath begat
Ahumai and Lahad. These are the families

of the Zorathites. And these were *the sons of*
the father of Etam; Jezreel, and Ishma, and
Idbash: and the name of their sister was
Hazzelelponi: and Penuel the father of Gedor,
and Ezer the father of Hushah. These are
the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah,
the father of Beth-lehem. And Ashhur the
father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and
Naarah. And Naarah bare him Ahuzzam, and
Hepher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari. These
were the sons of Naarah. And the sons of
Helah were Zereth, [1]Izhar, and Ethnan. And
Hakkoz begat Anub, and Zobebah, and the
families of Aharhel the son of Harum. And
Jabez was more honourable than his brethren:
and his mother called his name Jabez, saying,
Because I bare him with sorrow. And Jabez
called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that
thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my
border, and that thine hand might be with me,
and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that
it be not to my sorrow! And God granted him
that which he requested. And Chelub the
brother of Shuhah begat Mehir, which was
the father of Eshton. And Eshton begat Beth-
rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of
[2]Ir-nahash. These are the men of Recah. And
the sons of Kenaz; Othniel, and Seraiah: and
the sons of Othniel; Hathath. And Meonothai
begat Ophrah: and Seraiah begat Joab the
father of [3]Ge-harashim; for they were craftsmen.
And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh;
Iru, Elah, and Naam: and the sons of Elah;
and Kenaz. And the sons of Jehallelel; Ziph,
and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel. And the sons
of Ezrah; Jether, and Mered, and Epher, and
Jalon: and she bare Miriam, and Shammai, and
Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa. And his wife

[1] Another reading is, *and Zohar.*

[2] Or, *the city of Nahash*

[3] Or, *the valley of craftsmen*

[1] Or, *Ha-jehudijah*

[1]the Jewess bare Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Soco, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these are the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, which Mered took. And the sons of the wife of Hodiah, the 19
sister of Naham, were the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maacathite. And 20
the sons of Shimon; Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi; Zoheth, and Ben-zoheth. The sons of Shelah the son 21
of Judah; Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen, of the house of Ashbea; and Jokim, and the men 22
of Cozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had dominion in Moab, and Jashubi-lehem. And
[2] Heb. *words.* the [2]records are ancient. These were the 23
[3] Or, *those that dwelt among plantations and hedges* potters, and [3]the inhabitants of Netaim and Gederah: there they dwelt with the king for his work.

[4] In Gen. xlvi. 10, Ex. vi. 15, *Jemuel.* [5] In Gen. xlvi. 10, *Jachin.* [6] In Gen. xlvi. 10, *Zohar.*

The sons of Simeon; [4]Nemuel, and Jamin, 24
[5]Jarib, [6]Zerah, Shaul: Shallum his son, Mibsam 25
his son, Mishma his son. And the sons of 26
Mishma; Hammuel his son, Zaccur his son, Shimei his son. And Shimei had sixteen sons 27
and six daughters; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply, like to the children of Judah. And they 28
dwelt at Beer-sheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-shual; and at Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad; 29
and at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag; 30
and at Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susim, and 31
at Beth-biri, and at Shaaraim. These were their cities unto the reign of David. And their villages 32
were Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities: and all their villages that 33
were round about the same cities, unto Baal. These were their habitations, and they have

34 their genealogy. And Meshobab, and Jamlech,
35 and Joshah the son of Amaziah; and Joel, and
Jehu the son of Joshibiah, the son of Seraiah,
36 the son of Asiel; and Elioenai, and Jaakobah,
and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and
37 Jesimiel, and Benaiah; and Ziza the son of
Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah,
38 the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah; these
mentioned by name were princes in their families:
39 and their fathers' houses increased greatly. And
they went to the entering in of Gedor, even
unto the east side of the valley, to seek pasture
40 for their flocks. And they found fat pasture
and good, and the land was wide, and quiet,
and peaceable; for they that dwelt there afore-
41 time were of Ham. And these written by name
came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah,
and smote their tents, and the Meunim that
were found there, and [1]destroyed them utterly, [1] Heb. *devoted them.*
unto this day, and dwelt in their stead: because
42 there was pasture there for their flocks. And
some of them, even of the sons of Simeon,
five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having
for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and
43 Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi. And
they smote the remnant of the Amalekites that
escaped, and dwelt there, unto this day.

**5** 1 And the sons of Reuben the firstborn of
Israel, (for he was the firstborn; but, forasmuch
as he defiled his father's couch, his birthright
was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of
Israel; and the genealogy is not to be reckoned
2 after the birthright. For Judah prevailed above
his brethren, and of him came the [2]prince; but [2] Or, *leader*
3 the birthright was Joseph's:) the sons of Reuben
the firstborn of Israel; Hanoch, and Pallu, Hez-
4 ron, and Carmi. The sons of Joel; Shemaiah
5 his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son; Micah

his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son; Beerah 6
his son, whom [1]Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria
carried away captive: he was prince of the
Reubenites. And his brethren by their families, 7
when the genealogy of their generations was
reckoned; the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah, and 8
Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the
son of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, even unto
Nebo and Baal-meon: and eastward he dwelt 9
even unto the entering in of the wilderness from
the river Euphrates: because their cattle were
multiplied in the land of Gilead. And in the 10
days of Saul they made war with the Hagrites,
who fell by their hand: and they dwelt in their
tents throughout all the *land* east of Gilead.

And the sons of Gad dwelt over against them, 11
in the land of Bashan unto Salecah: Joel the 12
chief, and Shapham the second, and Janai, and
Shaphat in Bashan: and their brethren of their 13
fathers' houses; Michael, and Meshullam, and
Sheba, and Jorai, and Jacan, and Zia, and Eber,
seven. These were the sons of Abihail the son 14
of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead,
the son of Michael, the son of Jehishai, the son
of Jahdo, the son of Buz; Ahi the son of Abdiel, 15
the son of Guni, chief of their fathers' houses.
And they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan, and in her 16
[2]towns, and in all the [3]suburbs of Sharon, as far
as their [4]borders. All these were reckoned by 17
genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah,
and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.

The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and 18
the half tribe of Manasseh, of valiant men, men
able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot
with bow, and skilful in war, were forty and four
thousand seven hundred and threescore, that
were able to go forth to war. And they made 19
war with the Hagrites, with Jetur, and Naphish,

[1] In 2 Kings xv. 29, xvi. 7, *Tiglath-pileser.*

[2] Heb. *daughters.*
[3] Or, *pasture lands*
[4] Heb. *goings forth.*

20 and Nodab. And they were helped against
them, and the Hagrites were delivered into
their hand, and all that were with them: for
they cried to God in the battle, and he was
intreated of them; because they put their trust
21 in him. And they took away their cattle; of
their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two
hundred and fifty thousand, and of asses two
thousand, and of [1]men an hundred thousand.
22 For there fell many slain, because the war was
of God. And they dwelt in their stead until
the captivity.

23 And the children of the half tribe of Manasseh
dwelt in the land: they increased from Bashan
unto Baal-hermon and Senir and mount Her-
24 mon. And these were the heads of their fathers'
houses; even Epher, and Ishi, and Eliel, and
Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel,
mighty men of valour, famous men, heads of
their fathers' houses.

25 And they trespassed against the God of their
fathers, and went a whoring after the gods of
the peoples of the land, whom God destroyed
26 before them. And the God of Israel stirred
up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the
spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and
he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and
the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh,
and brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and
Hara, and to the river of Gozan, unto this day.

[1] Heb. *souls of men.*

**6** 1 The sons of Levi; [2]Gershon, Kohath, and
2 Merari. And the sons of Kohath; Amram,
3 Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. And the child-
ren of Amram; Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam.
And the sons of Aaron; Nadab and Abihu,
4 Eleazar and Ithamar. Eleazar begat Phinehas,
5 Phinehas begat Abishua; and Abishua begat
6 Bukki, and Bukki begat Uzzi; and Uzzi begat

[Ch. v. 27 in Heb.]

[2] In ver. 16, *Gershom.*

Zerahiah, and Zerahiah begat Meraioth; Merai- 7
oth begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub;
and Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat 8
Ahimaaz; and Ahimaaz begat Azariah, and Azar- 9
iah begat Johanan; and Johanan begat Azariah, 10
(he it is that executed the priest's office in the
house that Solomon built in Jerusalem:) and 11
Azariah begat Amariah, and Amariah begat
Ahitub; and Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok 12
[1] In ch. ix. 11, *Meshullam.* begat [1]Shallum; and Shallum begat Hilkiah, and 13
Hilkiah begat Azariah; and Azariah begat Se- 14
raiah, and Seraiah begat Jehozadak; and Jehoza- 15
dak went *into captivity*, when the LORD carried
away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of
Nebuchadnezzar.

[Ch. vi. 1 in Heb.] The sons of Levi; [2]Gershom, Kohath, and 16
[2] In ver. 1, *Gershon.* Merari. And these be the names of the sons of 17
Gershom; Libni and Shimei. And the sons of 18
Kohath were Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron,
and Uzziel. The sons of Merari; Mahli and 19
[3] In ver. 42, *Ethan.* Mushi. And these are the families of the
[4] In ver. 41, *Adaiah.* Levites according to their fathers' *houses*. Of 20
Gershom; Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zim-
[5] In ver. 41, *Ethni.* mah his son; [3]Joah his son, [4]Iddo his son, Zerah 21
[6] In ver. 2, 18, 38, *Izhar.* his son, [5]Jeatherai his son. The sons of Kohath; 22
[6]Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his
[7] In ver. 36, *Zephaniah, Azariah, Joel.* son; Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and 23
Assir his son; Tahath his son, [7]Uriel his son, 24
Uzziah his son, and Shaul his son. And the 25
[8] In ver. 35, *Zuph.* sons of Elkanah; Amasai, and Ahimoth. As for 26
[9] In ver. 34, *Toah.* Elkanah: the sons of Elkanah; [8]Zophai his son,
[10] In ver. 34, *Eliel.* and [9]Nahath his son; [10]Eliab his son, Jeroham his 27
son, Elkanah his son. And the sons of Samuel; 28
[11] So the Syriac. See ver. 33, and 1 Sam. viii. 2. The Hebrew text has, *Vashni, and Abiah.* the firstborn [11]*Joel*, and the second Abiah. The 29
sons of Merari; Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei
his son, Uzzah his son; Shimea his son, Haggiah 30
his son, Asaiah his son.

And these are they whom David set over 31

the service of song in the house of the LORD,
32 after that the ark had rest. And they ministered
with song before the tabernacle of the tent of
meeting, until Solomon had built the house of
the LORD in Jerusalem: and they [1]waited on
33 their office according to their order. And these
are they that [1]waited, and their sons. Of the
sons of the Kohathites: Heman the singer, the
34 son of Joel, the son of Samuel; the son of El-
kanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the
35 son of [2]Toah; the son of [3]Zuph, the son of
Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai;
36 the son of Elkanah, the son of [4]Joel, the son of
37 Azariah, the son of Zephaniah; the son of Ta-
hath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the
38 son of Korah; the son of Izhar, the son of Ko-
39 hath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel. And
his brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand,
even Asaph the son of Berechiah, the son of
40 Shimea; the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah,
41 the son of Malchijah; the son of Ethni, the son
42 of Zerah, the son of Adaiah; the son of Ethan,
43 the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei; the son
of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi.
44 And on the left hand their brethren the sons of
Merari: [5]Ethan the son of [6]Kishi, the son of
45 Abdi, the son of Malluch; the son of Hashabiah,
46 the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah; the son
of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shemer;
47 the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of
48 Merari, the son of Levi. And their brethren
the Levites were [7]appointed for all the service
of the tabernacle of the house of God.

49 But Aaron and his sons [8]offered upon the
altar of burnt offering, and upon the altar of
incense, for all the work of the most holy place,
and to make atonement for Israel, according to
all that Moses the servant of God had com-

[1] Heb. *stood.*

[2] In ver. 26, *Nahath.*
[3] In ver. 26, *Zophai.*
[4] In ver. 24, *Shaul, Uzziah, Uriel.*

[5] In ch. ix. 16, *Jeduthun.*
[6] In ch. xv. 17, *Kushaiah.*

[7] Heb. *given.* See Num. iii. 9.
[8] Or, *burnt incense*

manded. And these are the sons of Aaron; 50
Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his
son; Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his 51
son; Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub 52
his son; Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son. 53

Now these are their dwelling places according 54
to their encampments in their borders: to the
sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites,
[1] See Josh. xxi. 4, 10. for theirs was the [1]*first* lot, to them they 55
gave Hebron in the land of Judah, and the
suburbs thereof round about it; but the fields of 56
the city, and the villages thereof, they gave to
[2] See Josh. xxi. 13, &c. Caleb the son of Jephunneh. And [2]to the sons 57
of Aaron they gave the cities of refuge, Hebron;
Libnah also with her suburbs, and Jattir, and
[3] In Josh. xxi. 15, *Holon*. Eshtemoa with her suburbs; and [3]Hilen with her 58
suburbs, Debir with her suburbs; and [4]Ashan 59
[4] In Josh. xxi. 16, *Ain*. with her suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with her
suburbs: and out of the tribe of Benjamin; 60
[5] In Josh. xxi. 18, *Almon*. Geba with her suburbs, and [5]Allemeth with her
suburbs, and Anathoth with her suburbs. All
their cities throughout their families were thir-
[6] But see vv. 66—70 and Josh. xxi. 5. teen cities. [6]And unto the rest of the sons of 61
Kohath *were given* by lot, out of the family of
the tribe, out of the half tribe, the half of Manas-
seh, ten cities. And to the sons of Gershom, 62
according to their families, out of the tribe of
Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out
of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of
Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. Unto the 63
sons of Merari *were given* by lot, according to
their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and
out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of
Zebulun, twelve cities. And the children of 64
Israel gave to the Levites the cities with their
suburbs. And they gave by lot out of the tribe 65
of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of
the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of

the children of Benjamin, these cities which are
66 mentioned by name. And some of the families
of the sons of Kohath had cities of their borders
67 out of the tribe of Ephraim. And they gave
unto them the cities of refuge, Shechem in the hill
country of Ephraim with her suburbs; Gezer
68 also with her suburbs; [1]and Jokmeam with her
69 suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs; and
Aijalon with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with
70 her suburbs: and out of the half tribe of Manas-
seh; Aner with her suburbs, and Bileam with
her suburbs, for the rest of the family of the
71 sons of Kohath. Unto the sons of Gershom
*were given*, out of the family of the half tribe of
Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with her suburbs,
72 and Ashtaroth with her suburbs: and out of the
tribe of Issachar; Kedesh with her suburbs,
73 Daberath with her suburbs; and Ramoth with
74 her suburbs, and Anem with her suburbs: and
out of the tribe of Asher; Mashal with her
75 suburbs, and Abdon with her suburbs; and Hukok
with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs:
76 and out of the tribe of Naphtali; Kedesh in
Galilee with her suburbs, and Hammon with
her suburbs, and Kiriathaim with her suburbs.
77 Unto the rest of *the Levites*, the sons of Merari,
*were given*, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmono
78 with her suburbs, Tabor with her suburbs: and
beyond the Jordan at Jericho, on the east side
of Jordan, *were given them*, out of the tribe
of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with her
79 suburbs, and Jahzah with her suburbs, and
Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Mephaath
80 with her suburbs: and out of the tribe of
Gad; Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, and
81 Mahanaim with her suburbs, and Heshbon
with her suburbs, and Jazer with her suburbs.
**7** 1 And of the sons of Issachar; Tola, and [2]Puah,

[1] See Josh. xxi. 22–39, where some of the names are different.

[2] In Gen. xlvi. 13, *Puvah*, *and Iob*.

Jashub, and Shimron, four. And the sons of 2
Tola; Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and
Jahmai, and Ibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their
fathers' houses, *to wit*, of Tola; mighty men of
valour in their generations: their number in the
days of David was two and twenty thousand and
six hundred. And the sons of Uzzi; Izrahiah: 3
and the sons of Izrahiah; Michael, and Obadiah,
and Joel, Isshiah, five: all of them chief men.
And with them, by their generations, after their 4
fathers' houses, were bands of the host for war,
six and thirty thousand: for they had many wives
and sons. And their brethren among all the 5
families of Issachar, mighty men of valour,
reckoned in all by genealogy, were fourscore
and seven thousand.

*The sons of* Benjamin; Bela, and Becher, 6
and Jediael, three. And the sons of Bela; 7
Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth,
and Iri, five; heads of fathers' houses, mighty
men of valour; and they were reckoned by
genealogy twenty and two thousand and thirty
and four. And the sons of Becher; Zemirah, 8
and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri,
and Jeremoth, and Abijah, and Anathoth, and
Alemeth. All these were the sons of Becher.
And they were reckoned by genealogy, after 9
their generations, heads of their fathers' houses,
mighty men of valour, twenty thousand and
two hundred. And the sons of Jediael; Bilhan: 10
and the sons of Bilhan; Jeush, and Benjamin,
and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and
Tarshish, and Ahishahar. All these were sons 11
of Jediael, according to the heads of their fathers'
*houses*, mighty men of valour, seventeen thou-
sand and two hundred, that were able to go forth
in the host for war. [1]Shuppim also, and Huppim, 12
the sons of [2]Ir, Hushim, the sons of [3]Aher.

[1] In Num. xxvi. 39, *Shephupham* and *Hupham*.
[2] In ver. 7, *Iri*.
[3] In Num. xxvi. 38, *Ahiram*.

13 The sons of Naphtali; [1]Jahziel, and Guni,
and Jezer, and [2]Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.
14 The sons of Manasseh; Asriel, [3]whom *his*
*wife* bare: (his concubine the Aramitess bare
15 Machir the father of Gilead: and Machir took
a wife [4]of Huppim and Shuppim, [5]whose sister's
name was Maacah;) and the name of the second
was Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters.
16 And Maacah the wife of Machir bare a son, and
she called his name Peresh; and the name of
his brother was Sheresh; and his sons were
17 Ulam and Rakem. And the sons of Ulam;
Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead the
18 son of Machir, the son of Manasseh. And his
sister Hammolecheth bare Ishhod, and [6]Abiezer,
19 and Mahlah. And the sons of Shemida were
Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.
20 And the sons of Ephraim; Shuthelah, and
Bered his son, and Tahath his son, and Eleadah
21 his son, and Tahath his son, and Zabad his son,
and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead,
whom the men of Gath that were born in the
land slew, because they came down to take
22 away their cattle. And Ephraim their father
mourned many days, and his brethren came to
23 comfort him. And he went in to his wife, and
she conceived, and bare a son, and he called
his name Beriah, because it went evil with his
24 house. And his daughter was Sheerah, who
built Beth-horon the nether and the upper, and
25 Uzzen-sheerah. And Rephah was his son, and
Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahan his
26 son; Ladan his son, Ammihud his son, Eli-
27 shama his son; [7]Nun his son, Joshua his son.
28 And their possessions and habitations were
Beth-el and the [8]towns thereof, and eastward
[9]Naaran, and westward Gezer, with the towns
thereof; Shechem also and the towns thereof,

[1] In Gen. xlvi. 24, *Jahzeel.*
[2] In Gen. xlvi. 24, *Shillem.*
[3] Or, according to the Sept., *whom his concubine the Aramitess bare; she bare &c.*
[4] Or, *for*
[5] Or, *and his*
[6] In Num. xxvi. 30, *Iezer.*
[7] Heb. *Non.*
[8] Heb. *daughters.*
[9] In Josh. xvi. 7, *Naarah.*

unto [1]Azzah and the towns thereof: and by the 29
borders of the children of Manasseh, Beth-shean
and her towns, Taanach and her towns, Megiddo
and her towns, Dor and her towns. In these
dwelt the children of Joseph the son of Israel.

The sons of Asher; Imnah, and Ishvah, and 30
Ishvi, and Beriah, and Serah their sister. And 31
the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel, who
was the father of Birzaith. And Heber begat 32
Japhlet, and [2]Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua
their sister. And the sons of Japhlet; Pasach, 33
and Bimhal, and Ashvath. These are the
children of Japhlet. And the sons of [3]Shemer; 34
Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram. And 35
the [4]sons of Helem his brother; Zophah, and
Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal. The sons of 36
Zophah; Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and
Beri, and Imrah; Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, 37
and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera. And the 38
sons of Jether; Jephunneh, and Pispa, and Ara.
And the sons of Ulla; Arah, and Hanniel, and 39
Rizia. All these were the children of Asher, 40
heads of the fathers' houses, choice and mighty
men of valour, chief of the princes. And the
number of them reckoned by genealogy for
service in war was twenty and six thousand
men.

And Benjamin begat Bela his firstborn, Ash- 1 8
bel the second, and [5]Aharah the third; Nohah the 2
fourth, and Rapha the fifth. And Bela had sons, 3
[6]Addar, and Gera, and Abihud; and Abishua, 4
and Naaman, and Ahoah; and Gera, and [7]She- 5
phuphan, and Huram. And these are the sons 6
of Ehud: these are the heads of fathers' *houses*
of the inhabitants of Geba, and they carried
them captive to Manahath: and Naaman, and 7
Ahijah, and Gera, he carried them captive; and
he begat Uzza and Ahihud. And Shaharaim 8

[1] Many MSS. read, *Ayyah.*

[2] In ver. 34, *Shemer.*

[3] In ver. 32, *Shomer.*

[4] Heb. *son.*

[5] See ch. vii. 12.

[6] In Gen. xlvi. 21, *Ard.*

[7] In Num. xxvi. 39, *Shephupham.*

begat children in the field of Moab, after he had [1]sent them away; Hushim and Baara were
9 his wives. And he begat of Hodesh his wife,
10 Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcam; and Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirmah. These were
11 his sons, heads of fathers' *houses*. And of
12 Hushim he begat Abitub and Elpaal. And the sons of Elpaal; Eber, and Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono and Lod, with the
13 towns thereof: and Beriah, and Shema, who were heads of fathers' *houses* of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who put to flight the inhabitants of
14, 15 Gath; and Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth; and
16 Zebadiah, and Arad, and Eder; and Michael,
17 and Ishpah, and Joha, the sons of Beriah; and Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hizki, and
18 Heber; and Ishmerai, and Izliah, and Jobab,
19 the sons of Elpaal; and Jakim, and Zichri, and
20 Zabdi; and Elienai, and Zillethai, and Eliel;
21 and Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, the
22 sons of [2]Shimei; and Ishpan, and Eber, and
23, 24 Eliel; and Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan; and
25 Hananiah, and Elam, and Anthothijah; and Iphdeiah, and Penuel, the sons of Shashak;
26 and Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah;
27 and Jaareshiah, and Elijah, and Zichri, the sons
28 of Jeroham. These were heads of fathers' *houses* throughout their generations, chief men:
29 these dwelt in Jerusalem. And in Gibeon there dwelt the father of Gibeon, [3]*Jeiel*, whose wife's
30 name was Maacah: and his firstborn son Abdon,
31 and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab; and
32 Gedor, and Ahio, and [4]Zecher. And Mikloth begat [5]Shimeah. And they also dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem, over against their
33 brethren. And Ner begat Kish; and Kish begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and [6]Abinadab, and [7]Eshbaal.

[1] Or, *sent away Hushim and Baara his wives*

[2] In ver. 13, *Shema.*

[3] See ch. ix. 35.

[4] In ch. ix. 37, *Zechariah.*

[5] In ch. ix. 38, *Shimeam.*

[6] In 1 Sam. xiv. 49, *Ishvi.*

[7] In 2 Sam. ii. 8, *Ish-bosheth.*

[1] In 2 Sam. iv. 4, ix. 6, 10, *Mephibosheth.*
[2] In ch. ix. 41, *Tahrea.*
[3] In ch. ix. 42, *Jarah.*
[4] In ch. ix. 43, *Rephaiah.*

And the son of Jonathan was [1]Merib-baal; and Merib-baal begat Micah. And the sons of Micah; Pithon, and Melech, and [2]Tarea, and Ahaz. And Ahaz begat [3]Jehoaddah; and Jehoaddah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza: and Moza begat Binea; [4]Raphah was his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son: and Azel had six sons, whose names are these; Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were the sons of Azel. And the sons of Eshek his brother; Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third. And the sons of Ulam were mighty men of valour, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, an hundred and fifty. All these were of the sons of Benjamin.

So all Israel were reckoned by genealogies; and, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel: and Judah was carried away captive to Babylon for their transgression. [5]Now the first inhabitants that dwelt in their possessions in their cities were, Israel, the priests, the Levites, and the Nethinim. And in Jerusalem dwelt of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim and Manasseh; Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the children of Perez the son of Judah. And of the Shilonites; Asaiah the firstborn, and his sons. And of the sons of Zerah; Jeuel, and their brethren, six hundred and ninety. And of the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hassenuah; and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah; and their brethren,

[5] See Neh. xi. 3, &c.

according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty and six. All these men were heads of fathers' *houses* by their fathers' houses.

10 And of the priests; Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib,
11 Jachin; and [1]Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the
12 house of God; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the
13 son of Immer; and their brethren, heads of their fathers' houses, a thousand and seven hundred and threescore; very able men for the work of
14 the service of the house of God. And of the Levites; Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons
15 of Merari; and Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of
16 [2]Zichri, the son of Asaph; and [3]Obadiah the son of [4]Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, that dwelt in the villages of the Ne-
17 tophathites. And the porters; Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their
18 brethren: Shallum was the chief; who hitherto *waited* in the king's gate eastward: they were the porters for the camp of the children of Levi.
19 And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren, of his father's house, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the [5]gates of the [6]tabernacle: and their fathers had been over the
20 camp of the LORD, keepers of the entry; and Phinehas the son of Eleazar was ruler over them in time past, *and* the LORD was with him.
21 Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was porter of
22 the door of the tent of meeting. All these which

[1] In Neh. xi. 11, *Seraiah.*
[2] In Neh. xi. 17, *Zabdi.*
[3] In Neh. xi. 17, *Abda.*
[4] In Neh. xi. 17, *Shammua.*
[5] Heb. *thresholds.*
[6] Heb. *Tent.*

were chosen to be porters in the [1]gates were two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer did ordain in their [2]set office. So they and their children had the oversight of 23
the gates of the house of the LORD, even the house of the [3]tabernacle, by wards. [4]On the 24
four sides were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south. And their brethren, in 25
their villages, were to come in every seven days from time to time to be with them: for the four 26
chief porters, who were Levites, were in a set office, and were over the chambers and over the treasuries in the house of God. And they 27
lodged round about the house of God, because the charge *thereof* was upon them, and to them pertained the opening thereof morning by morning. And certain of them had charge of the 28
vessels of service; for by tale were they brought in and by tale were they taken out. Some of 29
them also were appointed over the furniture, and over all the vessels of the sanctuary, and over the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices. And some 30
of the sons of the priests prepared the confection of the spices. And Mattithiah, one of the Le- 31
vites, who was the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the set office over the things that were baked in pans. And some of their breth- 32
ren, of the sons of the Kohathites, were over the shewbread, to prepare it every sabbath. And 33
these are the singers, heads of fathers' *houses* of the Levites, *who dwelt* in the chambers *and were* free *from other service*: for they were employed in their work day and night. These were heads 34
of fathers' *houses* of the Levites, throughout their generations, chief men: these dwelt at Jerusalem.

[1] Heb. *thresholds.*

[2] Or, *trust*

[3] Heb. *Tent.*

[4] Heb. *Towards the four winds.*

35 And in Gibeon there dwelt the father of
Gibeon, Jeiel, whose wife's name was Maacah:
36 and his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish,
37 and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab; and Gedor, and
38 Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth. And Mik-
loth begat Shimeam. And they also dwelt with
their brethren in Jerusalem, over against their
39 brethren. And Ner begat Kish; and Kish
begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and
40 Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal. And
the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal; and
41 Merib-baal begat Micah. And the sons of
Micah; Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, [1]*and*
42 *Ahaz*. And Ahaz begat Jarah; and Jarah begat
Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri
43 begat Moza: and Moza begat Binea; and
Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son:
44 and Azel had six sons, whose names are these;
Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Shearíah,
and Obadiah, and Hanan: these were the sons
of Azel.

[1] See ch. viii. 35.

**10** 1 [2]Now the Philistines fought against Israel:
and the men of Israel fled from before the Phil-
istines, and fell down [3]slain in mount Gilboa.
2 And the Philistines followed hard after Saul and
after his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan,
and [4]Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, the sons of
3 Saul. And the battle went sore against Saul,
and the archers overtook him; and he was dis-
4 tressed by reason of the archers. Then said
Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword,
and thrust me through therewith; lest these
uncircumcised come and [5]abuse me. But his
armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid.
Therefore Saul took his sword, and fell upon it.
5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was
dead, he likewise fell upon his sword, and died.
6 So Saul died, and his three sons; and all his

[2] See 1 Sam. xxxi. 1, &c.

[3] Or, *wounded*

[4] In 1 Sam. xiv. 49, *Ishvi*.

[5] Or, *make a mock of me*

house died together. And when all the men of 7
Israel that were in the valley saw that they fled,
and that Saul and his sons were dead, they for-
sook their cities, and fled; and the Philistines
came and dwelt in them.

And it came to pass on the morrow, when 8
the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they
found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gilboa.
And they stripped him, and took his head, and 9
his armour, and sent into the land of the Phil-
istines round about, to carry the tidings unto
their idols, and to the people. And they put his 10
armour in the house of their gods, and fastened
his head in the house of Dagon. And when all 11
Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philistines had
done to Saul, all the valiant men arose, and took 12
away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his
sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried
[1] Or, *terebinth* their bones under the [1]oak in Jabesh, and fasted
[2] Or, *in* seven days. So Saul died [2]for his trespass which 13
he committed against the LORD, because of the
word of the LORD, which he kept not; and also
for that he asked counsel of one that had a fa-
miliar spirit, to inquire *thereby*, and inquired not 14
of the LORD: therefore he slew him, and turned
the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.

[3] See 2 Sam. v. 1, &c. [3]Then all Israel gathered themselves to David 1 **11**
unto Hebron, saying, Behold, we are thy bone
and thy flesh. In times past, even when Saul 2
was king, it was thou that leddest out and
broughtest in Israel: and the LORD thy God
said unto thee, Thou shalt feed my people
[4] Or, *leader* Israel, and thou shalt be [4]prince over my people
Israel. So all the elders of Israel came to the 3
king to Hebron; and David made a covenant
with them in Hebron before the LORD; and
they anointed David king over Israel, according
to the word of the LORD by the hand of Samuel.

4 And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem
(the same is Jebus); and the Jebusites, the in-
5 habitants of the land, were there. And the in-
habitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not
come in hither. Nevertheless David took the
strong hold of Zion; the same is the city of
6 David. And David said, Whosoever smiteth
the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain.
And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, and
7 was made chief. And David dwelt in the strong
hold; therefore they called it the city of David.
8 And he built the city round about, from Millo
even round about: and Joab [1]repaired the rest
9 of the city. And David waxed greater and
greater; for the LORD of hosts was with him.

10 [2]Now these are the chief of the mighty men
whom David had, who [3]shewed themselves strong
with him in his kingdom, together with all Is-
rael, to make him king, according to the word
11 of the LORD concerning Israel. And this is the
number of the mighty men whom David had:
Jashobeam, the son of a Hachmonite, the chief
of the [4]thirty; he lifted up his spear against three
12 hundred [5]and slew them at one time. And after
him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite,
13 who was one of the three mighty men. He
was with David at [6]Pas-dammim, and there the
Philistines were gathered together to battle,
where was a plot of ground full of barley; and
14 the people fled from before the Philistines. And
they stood in the midst of the plot, and defended
it, and slew the Philistines; and the LORD saved
15 them by a great [7]victory. And three of the
thirty chief went down to the rock to David,
into the cave of Adullam; and the host of the
Philistines were encamped in the valley of
16 Rephaim. And David was then in the hold, and
the garrison of the Philistines was then in Beth-

[1] Heb. *revived.*

[2] See 2 Sam. xxiii. 8, &c.
[3] Or, *held strongly with him*

[4] Another reading is, *captains.*
[5] Heb. *slain.*

[6] In 1 Sam. xvii. 1, *Ephes-dammim.*

[7] Heb. *salvation.*

lehem. And David longed, and said, Oh that 17
one would give me water to drink of the well of
Beth-lehem, which is by the gate! And the 18
three brake through the host of the Philistines,
and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem,
that was by the gate, and took it, and brought
it to David: but David would not drink thereof,
but poured it out unto the LORD, and said, My 19
God forbid it me, that I should do this: shall
I drink the blood of these men [1]that have put
their lives in jeopardy? for with *the jeopardy*
*of* their lives they brought it. Therefore he
would not drink it. These things did the three
mighty men. And [2]Abishai, the brother of Joab, 20
he was chief of the three: for he lifted up his
spear against three hundred [3]and slew them,
and had a name among the three. [4]Of the 21
three, he was more honourable than the two,
and was made their captain: howbeit he attained
not to the *first* three. Benaiah the son of Je- 22
hoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel,
who had done mighty deeds, he slew the two
*sons of* Ariel of Moab: he went down also and
slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow.
And he slew an Egyptian, a man of great stature, 23
five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand
was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went
down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear
out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with
his own spear. These things did Benaiah the 24
son of Jehoiada, and had a name among the
three mighty men. Behold, he was more hon- 25
ourable than the thirty, but he attained not to
the *first* three: and David set him over his
[5]guard.

Also the mighty men of the armies; Asahel 26
the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo
of Beth-lehem; [6]Shammoth the Harorite, Helez 27

[1] Heb. *with their lives.*

[2] Heb. *Abshai.*

[3] Heb. *slain.*

[4] Or, *Of the three in the second rank he was the most honourable*

[5] Or, *council*

[6] In 2 Sam. xxiii. 25, *Shammah the Harodite.*

28 the [1]Pelonite; Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,
29 Abiezer the Anathothite; [2]Sibbecai the Hushath-
30 ite, [3]Ilai the Ahohite; Maharai the Netophath-
ite, [4]Heled the son of Baanah the Netophath-
31 ite; Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the
children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite;
32 [5]Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, [6]Abiel the Ar-
33 bathite; Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the
34 Shaalbonite; the sons of [7]Hashem the Gizonite,
35 Jonathan the son of Shage the Hararite; Ahiam
the son of [8]Sacar the Hararite, [9]Eliphal the son
36 of Ur; Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the
37 Pelonite; Hezro the Carmelite, [10]Naarai the son
38 of Ezbai; Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar
39 the son of Hagri; Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai
the Berothite, the armourbearer of Joab the son
40 of Zeruiah; Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite;
41, 42 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai; Adina
the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a chief of the
43 Reubenites, and thirty with him; Hanan the
son of Maacah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite;
44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel the
45 sons of Hotham the Aroerite; Jediael the son
of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite;
46 Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah,
the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite;
47 Eliel, and Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaite.

**12** 1 Now these are they that came to David to
Ziklag, [11]while he yet kept himself close because
of Saul the son of Kish: and they were among
2 the mighty men, his helpers in war. They
[12]were armed with bows, and could use both the
right hand and the left in slinging stones and
in shooting arrows from the bow; they were of
3 Saul's brethren of Benjamin. The chief was
Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the
Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of
Azmaveth; and Beracah, and Jehu the Ana-

[1] In 2 Sam. xxiii. 26, *Paltite.*
[2] In 2 Sam. xxiii. 27, *Mebunnai.*
[3] In 2 Sam. xxiii. 28, *Zalmon.*
[4] In 2 Sam. xxiii. 29, *Heleb.*
[5] In 2 Sam. xxiii. 30, *Hiddai.*
[6] In 2 Sam. xxiii. 31, *Abi-albon.*
[7] In 2 Sam. xxiii. 32, *Jashen.*
[8] In 2 Sam. xxiii. 33, *Sharar.*
[9] In 2 Sam. xxiii. 34, *Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai.*
[10] In 2 Sam. xxiii. 35, *Paarai the Arbite.*

[11] Heb. being *yet shut up.*

[12] Or, *drew the bow*

thothite; and Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty 4
man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and
Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Joza-
bad the Gederathite; Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and 5
Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the
Haruphite; Elkanah, and Isshiah, and Azarel, 6
and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites; and 7
Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of
Gedor. And of the Gadites there separated 8
themselves unto David to the hold in the wild-
erness, mighty men of valour, men trained for
war, that could handle shield and spear; whose
faces were like the faces of lions, and they were
as swift as the roes upon the mountains; Ezer 9
the chief, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third;
Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth; Attai 10, 11
the sixth, Eliel the seventh; Johanan the eighth, 12
Elzabad the ninth; Jeremiah the tenth, Mach- 13
bannai the eleventh. These of the sons of Gad 14
were captains of the host: he that was least was
[1] Or, *over* [1]equal to an hundred, and the greatest [1]to a
thousand. These are they that went over Jor- 15
dan in the first month, when it had overflown
all its banks; and they put to flight all them of
the valleys, both toward the east, and toward
the west. And there came of the children of 16
Benjamin and Judah to the hold unto David.
And David went out to meet them, and an- 17
swered and said unto them, If ye be come
peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall
be knit unto you: but if *ye be come* to betray
me to mine adversaries, seeing there is no
[2] Or, *violence* [2]wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers
look thereon, and rebuke it. Then the spirit 18
[3] Heb. *clothed.* [3]came upon Amasai, who was chief of the [4]thirty,
[4] Another reading is, *captains.* *and he said,* Thine are we, David, and on thy
side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace be unto
thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God

helpeth thee. Then David received them, and
19 made them captains of the band. Of Manasseh
also there fell away some to David, when he
came with the Philistines against Saul to battle,
but they helped them not: for the lords of the
Philistines upon advisement sent him away,
saying, He will fall away to his master Saul to
20 the jeopardy of our heads. As he went to
Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah,
and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael, and
Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zillethai, captains of
21 thousands that were of Manasseh. And they
helped David against [1]the band of rovers: for [1] See 1 Sam. xxx. 1.
they were all mighty men of valour, and were
22 captains in the host. For from day to day there
came to David to help him, until it was a great
host, like the host of God.

23 And these are the numbers of the heads of
them that were armed for war, which came to
David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to
24 him, according to the word of the LORD. The
children of Judah that bare shield and spear
were six thousand and eight hundred, armed for
25 war. Of the children of Simeon, mighty men
of valour for the war, seven thousand and one
26 hundred. Of the children of Levi four thousand
27 and six hundred. And Jehoiada was the leader
of *the house of* Aaron, and with him were three
28 thousand and seven hundred; and Zadok, a
young man mighty of valour, and of his father's
29 house twenty and two captains. And of the
children of Benjamin, the brethren of Saul, three
thousand: for hitherto the greatest part of them
had [2]kept their allegiance to the house of Saul. [2] Heb. *kept the charge of the house.*
30 And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand
and eight hundred, mighty men of valour, famous
31 men in their fathers' houses. And of the half
tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, which were

expressed by name, to come and make David king. And of the children of Issachar, men 32
that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment. Of Zebulun, such as were 33
able to go out in the host, that could set the battle in array, with all manner of instruments of war, fifty thousand; and that could order *the battle array, and were* not of double heart. And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with 34
them with shield and spear thirty and seven thousand. And of the Danites that could set 35
the battle in array, twenty and eight thousand and six hundred. And of Asher, such as were 36
able to go out in the host, that could set the battle in array, forty thousand. And on the 37
other side of Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half tribe of Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, an hundred and twenty thousand. All these, 38
being men of war, that could order the battle array, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king. And they were there with David three 39
days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had made preparation for them. Moreover they 40
that were nigh unto them, *even* as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, victual of meal, cakes of figs, and clusters of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep in abundance: for there was joy in Israel.

**13** And David consulted with the captains of 1
thousands and of hundreds, even with every leader. And David said unto all the assembly 2
of Israel, If it seem good unto you, and if it be

of the LORD our God, let us send abroad every where unto our brethren that are left in all the [1]land of Israel, [2]with whom the priests and Levites are in their cities that have [3]suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us: and let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we sought not unto it in the days of Saul. And all the assembly said that they would do so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. [4]So David assembled all Israel together, from Shihor *the brook* of Egypt even unto the entering in of Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim. And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, *that is*, to Kiriath-jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, the LORD that [5]sitteth upon the cherubim, [6]which is called by the Name. And they carried the ark of God upon a new cart, *and brought it* out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drave the cart. And David and all Israel played before God with all their might: even with songs, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets. And when they came unto the threshing-floor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen [7]stumbled. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put forth his hand to the ark: and there he died before God. And David was displeased, because the LORD had broken forth upon Uzza: and he called that place [8]Perez-uzza, unto this day. And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God home to me? So David removed not the ark unto him into the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. And the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his

[1] Heb. *lands.*
[2] Or, *and with them to the priests and Levites which are &c.*
[3] Or, *pasture lands*
[4] See 2 Sam. vi. 1, &c.
[5] Or, *dwelleth between*
[6] Or, *where the Name is called on*
[7] Or, *were restive* Or, *threw* it *down*
[8] That is, *The breach of Uzza.*

house three months: and the LORD blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that he had.

[1] See 2 Sam. v. 11, &c.

14 [1]And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers 1
to David, and cedar trees, and masons, and
carpenters, to build him an house. And David 2
perceived that the LORD had established him
king over Israel, for his kingdom was exalted on
high, for his people Israel's sake.

And David took more wives at Jerusalem: 3
and David begat more sons and daughters.
And these are the names of the children which 4
he had in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab,
Nathan, and Solomon; and Ibhar, and Elishua, 5
and Elpelet; and Nogah, and Nepheg, and 6
Japhia; and Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eli- 7
phelet.

And when the Philistines heard that David 8
was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philis-
tines went up to seek David: and David heard of
it, and went out [2]against them. Now the Philis- 9
tines had come and made a raid in the valley of
Rephaim. And David inquired of God, saying, 10
Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt
thou deliver them into mine hand? And the
LORD said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver
them into thine hand. So they came up to 11
Baal-perazim, and David smote them there;
and David said, God hath [3]broken mine ene-
mies by mine hand, like the breach of waters.
Therefore they called the name of that place
[4]Baal-perazim. And they left their gods there; 12
and David gave commandment, and they were
burned with fire. And the Philistines yet again 13
made a raid in the valley. And David inquired 14
again of God; and God said unto him, Thou
shalt not go up after them: turn away from
them, and come upon them over against the
[5]mulberry trees. And it shall be, when thou 15

[2] Or, *before*

[3] Or, *broken forth upon mine enemies*

[4] That is, *The place of breakings forth.*

[5] Or, *balsam trees*

hearest the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone out before thee to smite
16 the host of the Philistines. And David did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from [1]Gibeon even to Gezer.
17 And the fame of David went out into all lands; and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

[1] In 2 Sam. v. 25, *Geba.*

15 1 And *David* made him houses in the city of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of
2 God, and pitched for it a tent. Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the LORD chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him
3 for ever. And David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD unto
4 its place, which he had prepared for it. And David gathered together the sons of Aaron, and
5 the Levites: of the sons of Kohath; Uriel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twenty:
6 of the sons of Merari; Asaiah the chief, and his
7 brethren two hundred and twenty: of the sons of Gershom; Joel the chief, and his brethren an
8 hundred and thirty: of the sons of Elizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two hund-
9 red: of the sons of Hebron; Eliel the chief,
10 and his brethren fourscore: of the sons of Uzziel; Amminadab the chief, and his brethren an hund-
11 red and twelve. And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel,
12 and Amminadab, and said unto them, Ye are the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel, unto *the place* that I have pre-
13 pared for it. For because ye *bare it* not at the

first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not according to the ordinance. So the priests and the Levites 14
sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel. And the children of 15
the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD.
And David spake to the chief of the Levites to 16
appoint their brethren the singers, with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding aloud and lifting up the voice with joy.
So the Levites appointed Heman the son of 17
Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah; and with 18
them their brethren of the second degree, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the doorkeepers. So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and 19
Ethan, *were appointed*, with cymbals of brass to sound aloud; and Zechariah, and Aziel, and 20
Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries set to
[1] See Ps. xlvi. title. [1]Alamoth; and Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and 21
Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaz-
[2] See Ps. vi. title. iah, with harps set to [2]the Sheminith, to lead.
And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was over 22
[3] Or, *the carrying* of the ark Heb. *the lifting up.* [3]the song: he instructed about [3]the song, because
he was skilful. And Berechiah and Elkanah were 23
doorkeepers for the ark. And Shebaniah, and 24
Joshaphat, and Nethanel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of
[4] See 2 Sam. vi. 12, &c. God: and Obed-edom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark. [4]So David, and the elders 25

of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went
to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD
26 out of the house of Obed-edom with joy: and
it came to pass, when God helped the Levites
that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD,
that they sacrificed seven bullocks and seven
27 rams. And David was clothed with a robe of
fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark,
and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of
[1]the song *with* the singers: and David had upon
28 him an ephod of linen. Thus all Israel brought
up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with
shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with
trumpets, and with cymbals, sounding aloud with
29 psalteries and harps. And it came to pass, as
the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the
city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul
looked out at the window, and saw king David
dancing and playing; and she despised him in
**16** 1 her heart. And they brought in the ark of God,
and set it in the midst of the tent that David had
pitched for it: and they offered burnt offerings
2 and peace offerings before God. And when
David had made an end of offering the burnt
offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the
3 people in the name of the LORD. And he dealt
to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to
every one a loaf of bread, and a portion [2]*of flesh*,
and a cake of raisins.

4 And he appointed certain of the Levites to
minister before the ark of the LORD, and to
celebrate and to thank and praise the LORD, the
5 God of Israel: Asaph the chief, and second to
him Zechariah, [3]Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and
Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah,
and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, with psalteries and
with harps; and Asaph with cymbals, sounding
6 aloud; and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests

[1] Or, *the carrying* of the ark Heb. *the lifting up*.

[2] Or, of wine

[3] In ch. xv. 18, *Jaaziel*.

with trumpets continually, before the ark of the covenant of God.

[1] Or, *make it the chief work*

Then on that day did David [1]first ordain to give thanks unto the LORD, by the hand of Asaph and his brethren. 7

[2] See Ps. cv. 1—15.

[2]O give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name; 8
Make known his doings among the peoples.
Sing unto him, sing praises unto him; 9

[3] Or, *Meditate*

[3]Talk ye of all his marvellous works.
Glory ye in his holy name: 10
Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.
Seek ye the LORD and his strength; 11
Seek his face evermore.
Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; 12
His wonders, and the judgements of his mouth;
O ye seed of Israel his servant, 13
Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
He is the LORD our God: 14
His judgements are in all the earth.
Remember his covenant for ever, 15
The word which he commanded to a thousand generations;
*The covenant* which he made with Abraham, 16
And his oath unto Isaac;
And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a statute, 17
To Israel for an everlasting covenant:
Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, 18

[4] Heb. *cord*, or, *line*.

The [4]lot of your inheritance:
When ye were but a few men in number; 19
Yea, very few, and sojourners in it;
And they went about from nation to nation, 20
And from one kingdom to another people.

21 He suffered no man to do them wrong;
Yea, he reproved kings for their sakes;
22 *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed ones,
And do my prophets no harm.
23 [1]Sing unto the LORD, all the earth;
Shew forth his salvation from day to day.
24 Declare his glory among the nations,
His marvellous works among all the peoples.
25 For great is the LORD, and highly to be praised:
He also is to be feared above all gods.
26 For all the gods of the peoples are [2]idols:
But the LORD made the heavens.
27 Honour and majesty are before him:
Strength and gladness are in his place.
28 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the peoples,
Give unto the LORD glory and strength.
29 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name:
Bring an offering, and come before him:
Worship the LORD [3]in the beauty of holiness.
30 Tremble before him, all the earth:
The world also is stablished that it cannot be moved.
31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
And let them say among the nations, The LORD reigneth.
32 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof;
Let the field exult, and all that is therein;
33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing for joy before the LORD,
For he cometh to judge the earth.
34 [4]O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

[1] See Ps. xcvi. 1, &c.

[2] Or, *things of nought*

[3] Or, *in holy array*

[4] See Ps. cvi. 1.

[1] See Ps. cvi. 47, 48.

[1]And say ye, Save us, O God of our 35
salvation,
And gather us together and deliver us from
the nations,
To give thanks unto thy holy name,
And to triumph in thy praise.
Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, 36
From everlasting even to everlasting.
And all the people said, Amen, and praised
the LORD.

So he left there, before the ark of the covenant 37
of the LORD, Asaph and his brethren, to minister
before the ark continually, as every day's work
required: and Obed-edom with their brethren, 38
threescore and eight; Obed-edom also the son
of Jeduthun and Hosah to be doorkeepers: and 39
Zadok the priest, and his brethren the priests,
before the tabernacle of the LORD in the high
place that was at Gibeon, to offer burnt offerings 40
unto the LORD upon the altar of burnt offering
continually morning and evening, even according
to all that is written in the law of the LORD,
which he commanded unto Israel; and with 41
them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that
were chosen, who were expressed by name, to
give thanks to the LORD, because his mercy
*endureth* for ever; and with them Heman and 42
Jeduthun *with* trumpets and cymbals for those
that should sound aloud, and *with* instruments
[2] See 1 Chr. xxv. 7; 2 Chr. vii. 6, xxix. 27. for [2]the songs of God: and the sons of Jeduthun
to be at the gate. And all the people departed 43
every man to his house: and David returned to
bless his house.

[3] See 2 Sam. vii.

[3]And it came to pass, when David dwelt in 1 **17**
his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet,
Lo, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of
the covenant of the LORD *dwelleth* under curt-
ains. And Nathan said unto David, Do all 2

that is in thine heart; for God is with thee.
3 And it came to pass the same night, that the
4 word of God came to Nathan, saying, Go and
tell David my servant, Thus saith the LORD,
Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in:
5 for I have not dwelt in an house since the day
that I brought up Israel, unto this day; but [1]have
gone from tent to tent, and from *one* tabernacle
6 *to another*. In all places wherein I have walked
with all Israel, spake I a word with any of the
judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed
my people, saying, Why have ye not built me
7 an house of cedar? Now therefore thus shalt
thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith
the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the [2]sheep-
cote, from following the sheep, that thou should-
8 est be [3]prince over my people Israel: and I have
been with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and
have cut off all thine enemies from before thee;
and I will make thee a name, like unto the
name of the great ones that are in the earth.
9 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel,
and will plant them, that they may dwell in
their own place, and be moved no more; neither
shall the children of wickedness waste them any
10 more, as at the first, and *as* from the day that I
commanded judges to be over my people Israel;
and I [4]will subdue all thine enemies. Moreover
I tell thee that the LORD will build thee an house.
11 And it shall come to pass, when thy days be
fulfilled that thou must go to be with thy fathers,
that I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall
be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom.
12 He shall build me an house, and I will establish
13 his throne for ever. I will be his father, and
he shall be my son: and I will not take my
mercy away from him, as I took it from him
14 that was before thee: but I will settle him in

[1] Heb. *have been.*

[2] Or, *pasture*

[3] Or, *leader*

[4] Or, *have subdued*

mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for ever. Ac- 15
cording to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

Then David the king went in, and sat before 16
the LORD; and he said, Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my house, that thou hast brought me thus far? And this was a small 17
thing in thine eyes, O God; but thou hast spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God. What can David *say* yet more unto thee con- 18
cerning the honour which is done to thy servant? for thou knowest thy servant. O LORD, for 19
thy servant's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou wrought all this greatness, to make known all *these* great things. O LORD, 20
there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have
[1] Or, *And who is like thy people Israel, a nation that is alone in the earth &c.*
heard with our ears. [1]And what one nation in 21
the earth is like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem unto himself for a people, to make thee a name by great and terrible things, in driving out nations from before thy people, which thou redeemedst out of Egypt? For thy 22
people Israel didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, LORD, becamest their God. And now, O LORD, let the word that thou hast 23
spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, be established for ever, and do as
[2] Or, *Yea, let it be established, and let thy name be magnified &c.*
thou hast spoken. [2]And let thy name be estab- 24
lished and magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel: and the house of David thy servant is established before thee. For thou, O my God, 25
hast revealed to thy servant that thou wilt build him an house: therefore hath thy servant found

26 *in his heart* to pray before thee. And now, O
LORD, thou art God, and hast promised this
27 good thing unto thy servant: and now it hath
pleased thee to bless the house of thy servant,
that it may continue for ever before thee: for
thou, O LORD, hast blessed, and it is blessed
for ever.

**18** 1 And after this [1]it came to pass, that David
smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and
took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the
2 Philistines. And he smote Moab; and the
Moabites became servants to David, and brought
3 presents. And David smote Hadarezer king
of Zobah [2]unto Hamath, as he went to stablish
4 his dominion by the river Euphrates. And
David took from him a thousand chariots, and
seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand
footmen: and David houghed all the chariot
horses, but reserved of them for an hundred
5 chariots. And when [3]the Syrians of [4]Damascus
came to succour Hadarezer king of Zobah,
David smote of [3]the Syrians two and twenty
6 thousand men. Then David put *garrisons* in
[3]Syria of [4]Damascus; and [3]the Syrians became
servants to David, and brought presents. And
the LORD [5]gave victory to David whithersoever
7 he went. And David took the shields of gold
that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and
8 brought them to Jerusalem. And from Tibhath
and from Cun, cities of Hadarezer, David took
very much brass, wherewith Solomon made the
brasen sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of
9 brass. And when Tou king of Hamath heard
that David had smitten all the host of Hadarezer
10 king of Zobah, he sent Hadoram his son to
king David, to salute him, and to bless him,
because he had fought against Hadarezer and
smitten him; for Hadarezer had wars with

[1] See 2 Sam. viii.

[2] Or, *by*

[3] Heb. *Aram.*

[4] Heb. *Darmesek.*

[5] Or, *saved David*

Tou; and *he had with him* all manner of vessels of gold and silver and brass. These 11
also did king David dedicate unto the LORD,
with the silver and the gold that he carried
away from all the nations; from Edom, and
from Moab, and from the children of Ammon,
and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.
[1] Heb. *Abshai.* Moreover [1]Abishai the son of Zeruiah smote of 12
the Edomites in the Valley of Salt eighteen
thousand. And he put garrisons in Edom; 13
and all the Edomites became servants to David.
[2] Or, *saved David* And the LORD [2]gave victory to David whither-
soever he went.

And David reigned over all Israel; and he ex- 14
ecuted judgement and justice unto all his people.
And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; 15
[3] Or, *chronicler* and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was [3]recorder.
And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the 16
son of Abiathar, were priests; and Shavsha was
[4] Or, *secretary* [4]scribe; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was 17
over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the
sons of David were chief about the king.

[5] See 2 Sam. x. [5]And it came to pass after this, that Nahash 1 **19**
the king of the children of Ammon died, and
his son reigned in his stead. And David said, 2
I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of
Nahash, because his father shewed kindness to
me. So David sent messengers to comfort him
concerning his father. And David's servants
came into the land of the children of Ammon
to Hanun, to comfort him. But the princes of 3
the children of Ammon said to Hanun, Thinkest
thou that David doth honour thy father, that
he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his
servants come unto thee for to search, and to
overthrow, and to spy out the land? So Hanun 4
took David's servants, and shaved them, and
cut off their garments in the middle, even to

their buttocks, and sent them away. Then there went certain, and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards
6 be grown, and then return. And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Aram-maacah, and
7 out of Zobah. So they hired them thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Maacah and his people; who came and pitched before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came
8 to battle. And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men.
9 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the gate of the city: and the kings that were come were by themselves
10 in the field. Now when Joab saw that [1]the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and
11 put them in array against the Syrians. And the rest of the people he committed into the hand of [2]Abishai his brother, and they put themselves
12 in array against the children of Ammon. And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will help
13 thee. Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the LORD do that which seemeth him
14 good. So Joab and the people that were with him drew nigh before the Syrians unto the
15 battle; and they fled before him. And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians

[1] Heb. *the face of the battle was against.*

[2] Heb. *Abshai.*

were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem. And when the Syrians 16
saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians that were beyond the River, with Shophach the captain of the host of Hadarezer at their head. And it was told David; and he 17
gathered all Israel together, and passed over Jordan, and came upon them, and set the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him. And the Syrians fled before 18
Israel; and David slew of the Syrians *the men of* seven thousand chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host. And when the servants of Hadarezer 19
saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with David, and served him: neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

[1] See 2 Sam. xi. 1.

[1]And it came to pass, at the time of the 1 **20**
return of the year, at the time when kings go out *to battle*, that Joab led forth the power of the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And [2]Joab
[2] See 2 Sam. xii. 26.
smote Rabbah, and overthrew it. [3]And David 2
[3] See 2 Sam. xii. 30, 31.
took the crown of [4]their king from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there were precious stones in it; and it was set upon David's head: and he brought forth the spoil of the city, exceeding much. And he brought 3
[4] Or, *Malcam* See Zeph. i. 5.
forth the people that were therein, and cut *them* with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes. And thus did David unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

4 [1]And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at [2]Gezer with the Philistines: then Sibbecai the Hushathite slew Sippai, of the sons of the [3]giant: and they were subdued.
5 And there was again war with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose
6 spear was like a weaver's beam. And there was again war at Gath, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six *on each hand*, and six *on each*
7 *foot*; and he also was born unto the [4]giant. And when he [5]defied Israel, Jonathan the son of
8 Shimea David's brother slew him. These were born unto the [4]giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

**21** 1 [6]And [7]Satan stood up against Israel, and
2 moved David to number Israel. And David said to Joab and to the princes of the people, Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba even to Dan; and bring me word, that I may know the
3 sum of them. And Joab said, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many more as they be: but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? why doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of guilt unto
4 Israel? Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jeru-
5 salem. And Joab gave up the sum of the numbering of the people unto David. And all they of Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah was four hundred threescore and ten
6 thousand men that drew sword. But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for
7 the king's word was abominable to Joab. And God was displeased with this thing; therefore

[1] See 2 Sam. xxi. 18—22.
[2] In 2 Sam. xxi. 18, *Gob.*
[3] Heb. *Rapha.* According to another reading, *giants* Heb. *Rephaim.*
[4] Heb. *Rapha.*
[5] Or, *reproached*
[6] See 2 Sam. xxiv. 1, &c.
[7] Or, *an adversary*

he smote Israel. And David said unto God, I 8
have sinned greatly, in that I have done this
thing: but now, put away, I beseech thee, the
iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very
foolishly. And the LORD spake unto Gad, 9
David's seer, saying, Go and speak unto David, 10
[1] Heb. *stretch out unto.* saying, Thus saith the LORD, I [1]offer thee three
things; choose thee one of them, that I may do
it unto thee. So Gad came to David, and said 11
unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Take which
thou wilt; either three years of famine; or three 12
months to be consumed before thy foes, while
that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh
thee; or else three days the sword of the LORD,
[2] Or, *and* [2]even pestilence in the land, and the angel of
the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts
of Israel. Now therefore consider what answer
I shall return to him that sent me. And David 13
said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me
fall now into the hand of the LORD; for very
[3] Or, *many* [3]great are his mercies: and let me not fall into
the hand of man. So the LORD sent a pestilence 14
upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy
thousand men. And God sent an angel unto 15
Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was about to
destroy, the LORD beheld, and he repented him
of the evil, and said to the destroying angel, It
is enough; now stay thine hand. And the angel
of the LORD stood by the threshing-floor of
[4] In 2 Sam. xxiv. 16, &c., *Araunah.* [4]Ornan the Jebusite. And David lifted up his 16
eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand
between the earth and the heaven, having a
drawn sword in his hand stretched out over
Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed
in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. And David 17
said unto God, Is it not I that commanded the
people to be numbered? even I it is that have
sinned and done very wickedly; but these

sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be against me, and against my father's house; but not against thy
18 people, that they should be plagued. Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshing-floor of
19 Ornan the Jebusite. And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name
20 of the LORD. And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons that were with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing
21 wheat. And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshing-floor, and bowed himself to David
22 with his face to the ground. Then David said to Ornan, Give me the place of this threshing-floor, that I may build thereon an altar unto the LORD: for the full price shalt thou give it me: that the
23 plague may be stayed from the people. And Ornan said unto David, Take it to thee, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes: lo, I give *thee* the oxen for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meal offering; I
24 give it all. And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the LORD, nor offer a burnt offering without cost.
25 So David gave to Ornan for the place six
26 hundred shekels of gold by weight. And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the LORD; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering.
27 And the LORD commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof.
28 At that time, when David saw that the LORD

had answered him in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. For the 29
tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering, were at that time in the high place at Gibeon. But David could not go before it to inquire of 30
God: for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the LORD. Then David said, This 1 **22**
is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel.

And David commanded to gather together 2
the strangers that were in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God. And David prepared 3
iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the couplings; and brass in abundance without weight; and cedar trees 4
without number: for the Zidonians and they of Tyre brought cedar trees in abundance to David. And David said, Solomon my son is young and 5
tender, and the house that is to be builded for the LORD must be exceeding magnifical, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

Then he called for Solomon his son, and 6
charged him to build an house for the LORD, the God of Israel. And David said to Solomon 7
[1]his son, As for me, it was in my heart to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God. But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 8
Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight: behold, a 9
son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be

[1] According to another reading, *My son, as for me &c.*

[1]Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness
10 unto Israel in his days: he shall build an house
for my name; and he shall be my son, and I
will be his father; and I will establish the throne
11 of his kingdom over Israel for ever. Now, my
son, the LORD be with thee; and prosper thou,
and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he
12 hath spoken concerning thee. Only the LORD
give thee discretion and understanding, and give
thee charge concerning Israel; that so thou
mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God.
13 Then shalt thou prosper, if thou observe to
do the statutes and the judgements which the
LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel: be
strong, and of good courage; fear not, neither
14 be dismayed. Now, behold, in my [2]affliction I
have prepared for the house of the LORD an
hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thou-
sand thousand talents of silver; and of brass and
iron without weight; for it is in abundance:
timber also and stone have I prepared; and
15 thou mayest add thereto. Moreover there are
workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and
workers of stone and timber, and all men that
16 are cunning in any manner of work; of the gold,
the silver, and the brass, and the iron, there is
no number; arise and be doing, and the LORD
17 be with thee. David also commanded all the
princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, *saying*,
18 Is not the LORD your God with you? and hath
he not given you rest on every side? for he hath
delivered the inhabitants of the land into mine
hand; and the land is subdued before the LORD,
19 and before his people. Now set your heart and
your soul to seek after the LORD your God;
arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the
LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of
the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the

[1] That is, *Peaceful.*

[2] Or, *low estate*

house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

23 Now David was old and full of days; and he made Solomon his son king over Israel. And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites. And the Levites were numbered from thirty years old and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thousand. Of these, twenty and four thousand were to oversee the work of the house of the LORD; and six thousand were officers and judges: and four thousand were doorkeepers; and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which I made, *said David*, to praise therewith. And David divided them into [1]courses according to the sons of Levi; Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. Of the Gershonites; [2]Ladan and Shimei. The sons of Ladan; Jehiel the chief, and Zetham, and Joel, three. The sons of Shimei; Shelomoth, and Haziel, and Haran, three. These were the heads of the fathers' *houses* of Ladan. And the sons of Shimei; Jahath, [3]Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei. And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second: but Jeush and Beriah had not many sons; therefore they became a fathers' house in one reckoning. The sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four. The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was separated, [4]that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons, for ever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, for ever. But as for Moses the man of God, his sons were named among the tribe of Levi. The sons of Moses; Gershom and Eliezer. The sons of Gershom; [5]Shebuel the chief. And the sons of Eliezer

1 23 2 3 4 5 6 7, 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

[1] Heb. *divisions.*

[2] In ch. vi. 17, *Libni.*

[3] In ver. 11, *Zizah.*

[4] Or, *to sanctify as most holy him &c.*

[5] In ch. xxiv. 20, *Shubael.*

were, Rehabiah the chief. And Eliezer had none other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah were
18 very many. The sons of Izhar; [1]Shelomith the
19 chief. The sons of Hebron; Jeriah the chief, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and
20 Jekameam the fourth. The sons of Uzziel;
21 Micah the chief, and Isshiah the second. The sons of Merari; Mahli and Mushi. The sons
22 of Mahli; Eleazar and Kish. And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters only: and their brethren the sons of Kish took them *to*
23 *wife*. The sons of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder,
24 and Jeremoth, three. These were the sons of Levi after their fathers' houses, even the heads of the fathers' *houses* of those of them that were counted, in the number of names by their polls, who did the work for the service of the house of the LORD, from twenty years old and upward.
25 For David said, The LORD, the God of Israel, hath given rest unto his people; and he dwell-
26 eth in Jerusalem for ever: and also the Levites shall no more have need to carry the tabernacle and all the vessels of it for the service thereof.
27 For [2]by the last words of David the sons of Levi were numbered, from twenty years old and
28 upward. For [3]their office was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, even the
29 work of the service of the house of God; for the shewbread also, and for the fine flour for a meal offering, whether of unleavened wafers, or of that which is baked in the pan, or of that which is soaked, and for all manner of measure and size;
30 and to stand every morning to thank and praise
31 the LORD, and likewise at even; and to offer all burnt offerings unto the LORD, in the sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, in

[1] In ch. xxiv. 22, *Shelomoth*.

[2] Or, *in the last acts*

[3] Heb. *their station was at the hand of the sons of Aaron*. See Neh. xi. 24.

number according to the ordinance concerning them, continually before the LORD: and that 32
they should keep the charge of the tent of meeting, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren, for the service of the house of the LORD.

**24** And the courses of the sons of Aaron *were* 1
*these.* The sons of Aaron; Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. But Nadab and Abihu 2
died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the
priest's office. [1]And David with Zadok of the 3
sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them according to their ordering in their service. And there were more 4
chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; and *thus* were they divided: of the sons of Eleazar there were sixteen, heads of fathers' houses; and of the sons of Ithamar, according to their fathers' houses, eight.
Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with 5
another; for there were princes of the sanctuary, and princes of God, both of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar. And 6
Shemaiah the son of Nethanel the scribe, who was of the Levites, wrote them in the presence of the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and the heads of the fathers' *houses* of the priests and of the Levites: one fathers' house being
taken for Eleazar, and [2]one taken for Ithamar.
Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the 7
second to Jedaiah; the third to Harim, the fourth 8
to Seorim; the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to 9
Mijamin; the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth 10
to Abijah; the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to 11
Shecaniah; the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth 12

[1] Or, *And David divided them, even Zadok &c.*

[2] The Hebrew text has, *taken, taken.*

13 to Jakim; the thirteenth to Huppah, the four-
14 teenth to Jeshebeab; the fifteenth to Bilgah, the
15 sixteenth to Immer; the seventeenth to Hezir,
16 the eighteenth to Happizzez; the nineteenth to
17 Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel; the one
and twentieth to Jachin, the two and twentieth
18 to Gamul; the three and twentieth to Delaiah,
19 the four and twentieth to Maaziah. This was
the ordering of them in their service, to come
into the house of the LORD according to the
ordinance *given* unto them by the hand of Aaron
their father, as the LORD, the God of Israel, had
commanded him.

20 And of the rest of the sons of Levi: of the
sons of Amram, [1]Shubael; of the sons of Shu-
21 bael, Jehdeiah. Of Rehabiah: of the sons of
22 Rehabiah, Isshiah the chief. Of the Izharites,
[2]Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath.
23 And the sons [3]*of Hebron*; Jeriah *the chief*,
Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jeka-
24 meam the fourth. The sons of Uzziel, Micah;
25 of the sons of Micah, Shamir. The brother of
Micah, Isshiah: of the sons of Isshiah, Zechar-
26 iah. The sons of Merari; Mahli and Mushi:
27 the sons of Jaaziah; Beno. The sons of Me-
rari; of Jaaziah, Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur,
28 and Ibri. Of Mahli; Eleazar, who had no sons.
29, 30 Of Kish; the sons of Kish, Jerahmeel. And
the sons of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and
Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites
31 after their fathers' houses. These likewise cast
lots even as their brethren the sons of Aaron in
the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and
Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers' *houses*
of the priests and of the Levites; the fathers'
*houses* of the chief even as those of his younger
brother.

[1] In ch. xxiii. 16, *Shebuel.*

[2] In ch. xxiii. 18, *Shelomith.*

[3] See ch. xxiii. 19.

**25** 1 Moreover David and the captains of the host

separated for the service certain of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of them that did the work according to their service was: of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Jo- 2
seph, and Nethaniah, and [1]Asharelah, the sons of Asaph; under the hand of Asaph, who prophesied [2]after the order of the king. Of Jedu- 3
thun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and [3]Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, [4]six; under the hands of their father Jeduthun with the harp, who prophesied in giving thanks and praising the LORD. Of Heman: the sons of 4
Heman; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, [5]Uzziel, [6]Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth: all these were the 5
sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. All 6
these were under the hands of their father for song in the house of the LORD, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God; [7]Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman being under the order of the king. And the 7
number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in singing unto the LORD, even all that were skilful, was two hundred fourscore and eight. And they cast lots [8]for their charges, 8
all alike, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar. Now the first lot came 9
forth for Asaph to Joseph: the second to Gedaliah; he and his brethren and sons were twelve: the third to Zaccur, his sons and his brethren, 10
twelve: the fourth to Izri, his sons and his 11
brethren, twelve: the fifth to Nethaniah, his 12
sons and his brethren, twelve: the sixth to 13

[1] In ver. 14, *Jesharelah.*

[2] Heb. *by the hands of the king.*

[3] In ver. 11, *Izri.*

[4] With Shimei, mentioned in ver. 17.

[5] In ver. 18, *Azarel.*

[6] In ver. 20, *Shubael.*

[7] Or, *after the order of the king*, even *Asaph &c.*

[8] Or, *ward against* ward, *as well &c.*

Bukkiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve:
14 the seventh to Jesharelah, his sons and his
15 brethren, twelve: the eighth to Jeshaiah, his
16 sons and his brethren, twelve: the ninth to
Mattaniah, his sons and his brethren, twelve:
17 the tenth to Shimei, his sons and his brethren,
18 twelve: the eleventh to Azarel, his sons and
19 his brethren, twelve: the twelfth to Hashabiah,
20 his sons and his brethren, twelve: for the
thirteenth, Shubael, his sons and his brethren,
21 twelve: for the fourteenth, Mattithiah, his sons
22 and his brethren, twelve: for the fifteenth to
Jeremoth, his sons and his brethren, twelve:
23 for the sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons and his
24 brethren, twelve: for the seventeenth to Josh-
bekashah, his sons and his brethren, twelve:
25 for the eighteenth to Hanani, his sons and
26 his brethren, twelve: for the nineteenth to
Mallothi, his sons and his brethren, twelve:
27 for the twentieth to Eliathah, his sons and his
28 brethren, twelve: for the one and twentieth to
29 Hothir, his sons and his brethren, twelve: for
the two and twentieth to Giddalti, his sons and
30 his brethren, twelve: for the three and twentieth
to Mahazioth, his sons and his brethren, twelve:
31 for the four and twentieth to Romamti-ezer, his
sons and his brethren, twelve.

**26** 1 For the courses of the doorkeepers: of the
Korahites; [1]Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of
2 the sons of [2]Asaph. And Meshelemiah had
sons; Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second,
3 Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth; Elam
the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the
4 seventh. And Obed-edom had sons; Shemaiah
the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the
third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethanel the
5 fifth; Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh,
Peullethai the eighth: for God blessed him.

[1] In ver. 14, *Shelemiah.*
[2] In ch. ix. 19, *Ebiasaph.*

Also unto Shemaiah his son were sons born, 6
that ruled over the house of their father: for
they were mighty men of valour. The sons of 7
Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed,
Elzabad, whose brethren were valiant men,
Elihu, and Semachiah. All these were of the 8
sons of Obed-edom: they and their sons and
their brethren, able men in strength for the
service; threescore and two of Obed-edom.
And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, valiant 9
men, eighteen. Also Hosah, of the children of 10
Merari, had sons; Shimri the chief, (for though
he was not the firstborn, yet his father made
him chief;) Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the 11
third, Zechariah the fourth: all the sons and
brethren of Hosah were thirteen. Of these 12
were the courses of the doorkeepers, even of
the chief men, having [1]charges like as their
brethren, to minister in the house of the LORD.
And they cast lots, as well the small as the 13
great, according to their fathers' houses, for
every gate. And the lot eastward fell to [2]She- 14
lemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a discreet
counsellor, they cast lots; and his lot came out
northward. To Obed-edom southward; and 15
to his sons the storehouse. To Shuppim and 16
Hosah westward, by the gate of [3]Shallecheth,
at the causeway that goeth up, ward against
ward. Eastward were six Levites, northward 17
four a day, southward four a day, and for the
storehouse two and two. For [4]Parbar west- 18
ward, four at the causeway, and two at [4]Parbar.
These were the courses of the doorkeepers; of 19
the sons of the Korahites, and of the sons of
Merari.

[5]And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the 20
treasuries of the house of God, and over the
treasuries of the [6]dedicated things. The sons 21

[1] Or, *wards over against their brethren*

[2] In ver. 1, *Meshelemiah.*

[3] That is, *Casting forth.*

[4] Or, *the Precinct*

[5] According to the Sept., *And the Levites their brethren were over &c.*

[6] Heb. *holy things.*

of [1]Ladan; the sons of the Gershonites belonging to Ladan, the heads of the fathers' *houses* belonging to Ladan the Gershonite;
22 [2]Jehieli. The sons of Jehieli; Zetham, and Joel his brother, over the treasuries of the
23 house of the LORD. Of the Amramites, of the Izharites, of the Hebronites, of the Uzzielites:
24 and Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of
25 Moses, was ruler over the treasuries. And his brethren; of Eliezer *came* Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiah his son, and Joram his son, and
26 Zichri his son, and Shelomoth his son. This Shelomoth and his brethren were over all the treasuries of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the heads of the fathers' *houses*, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and
27 the captains of the host, had dedicated. [3]Out of the spoil won in battles did they dedicate to
28 repair the house of the LORD. And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, had dedicated; whosoever had dedicated any thing, it was under the hand of [4]She-
29 lomoth, and of his brethren. Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges.
30 Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, had the oversight of Israel beyond Jordan westward; for all the business of the LORD,
31 and for the service of the king. Of the Hebronites was Jerijah the chief, even of the Hebronites, according to their generations by fathers' *houses*. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valour at
32 Jazer of Gilead. And his brethren, men of valour, were two thousand and seven hundred,

[1] In ch. vi. 17, *Libni*.

[2] In ch. xxiii. 8, *Jehiel*.

[3] Heb. *Out of the battles and the spoil*.

[4] Heb. *Shelomith*.

heads of fathers' *houses*, whom king David made overseers over the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of the Manassites, for every matter pertaining to God, and for the affairs of the king.

27 Now the children of Israel after their number, *to wit*, the heads of fathers' *houses* and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and their officers that served the king, in any matter of the courses which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, of every course were twenty and four thousand. Over the first course for the first month was Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. *He was* of the children of Perez, the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month. And over the course of the second month was Dodai the Ahohite, and his course; and Mikloth the ruler: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. The third captain of the host for the third month was Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada the [1]priest, chief: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. This is that Benaiah, who was the mighty man of the thirty, and over the thirty: and *of* his course was Ammizabad his son. The fourth *captain* for the fourth month was Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. The sixth *captain* for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. The seventh *captain* for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. The

[1] Or, *chief minister* See 2 Sam. viii. 18.

eighth *captain* for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zerahites: and in
12 his course were twenty and four thousand. The ninth *captain* for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anathothite, of the Benjamites: and in his
13 course were twenty and four thousand. The tenth *captain* for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zerahites: and in his
14 course were twenty and four thousand. The eleventh *captain* for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty and
15 four thousand. The twelfth *captain* for the twelfth month was [1]Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

[1] In ch. xi. 30, *Heled.*

16 Furthermore over the tribes of Israel: of the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri the ruler: of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of
17 Maacah: of Levi, Hashabiah the son of Kemu-
18 el: of Aaron, Zadok: of Judah, [2]Elihu, one of the brethren of David: of Issachar, Omri the
19 son of Michael: of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah: of Naphtali, Jeremoth the son of
20 Azriel: of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah: of the half tribe of Manasseh,
21 Joel the son of Pedaiah: of the half *tribe* of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah:
22 of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner: of Dan, Azarel the son of Jeroham. These were the
23 captains of the tribes of Israel. But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under: because the LORD had said he would
24 increase Israel like to the stars of heaven. Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but finished not; and there came wrath for this upon Israel; neither was the number put into the account in the chronicles of king David.

[2] In 1 Sam. xvi. 6, *Eliab.*

And over the king's treasuries was Azmaveth 25
the son of Adiel: and over the treasuries in the
fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in
the castles, was Jonathan the son of Uzziah:
and over them that did the work of the field for 26
tillage of the ground was Ezri the son of Chelub:
and over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramath- 27
ite: and over the increase of the vineyards for
the wine cellars was Zabdi the Shiphmite: and 28
over the olive trees and the sycomore trees that
were in the lowland was Baal-hanan the Geder-
ite: and over the cellars of oil was Joash: and 29
over the herds that fed in Sharon was Shitrai
the Sharonite: and over the herds that were in
the valleys was Shaphat the son of Adlai: and 30
over the camels was Obil the Ishmaelite: and
over the asses was Jehdeiah the Meronothite:
and over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagrite. All 31
these were the rulers of the substance which was
king David's.

[1] Or, *brother's son*

Also Jonathan David's [1]uncle was a coun- 32
sellor, a man of understanding, and a scribe: and
Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's
sons: and Ahithophel was the king's counsellor: 33
and Hushai the Archite was the king's friend:
and after Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of 34
Benaiah, and Abiathar: and the captain of the
king's host was Joab.

And David assembled all the princes of Israel, 1 **28**
the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the
companies that served the king by course, and
the captains of thousands, and the captains of
hundreds, and the rulers over all the substance

[2] Or, *cattle*

and [2]possessions of the king and of his sons,

[3] Or, *eunuchs*

with the [3]officers, and the mighty men, even all
the mighty men of valour, unto Jerusalem. Then 2
David the king stood up upon his feet, and said,
Hear me, my brethren, and my people: as for

me, it was in mine heart to build an house of rest
for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for
the footstool of our God; and I had made ready
3 for the building. But God said unto me, Thou
shalt not build an house for my name, because
thou art a man of war, and hast shed blood.
4 Howbeit the LORD, the God of Israel, chose me
out of all the house of my father to be king over
Israel for ever: for he hath chosen Judah to be
[1]prince; and in the house of Judah, the house of [1] Or, *leader*
my father; and among the sons of my father he
took pleasure in me to make me king over all
5 Israel: and of all my sons, (for the LORD hath
given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon
my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of
6 the LORD over Israel. And he said unto me,
Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and
my courts: for I have chosen him to be my son,
7 and I will be his father. And I will establish
his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my
commandments and my judgements, as at this
8 day. Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel,
the congregation of the LORD, and in the audi-
ence of our God, observe and seek out all the
commandments of the LORD your God: that
ye may possess this good land, and leave it
for an inheritance to your children after you
9 for ever. And thou, Solomon my son, know
thou the God of thy father, and serve him
with a perfect heart and with a willing mind:
for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and under-
standeth all the imaginations of the thoughts:
if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but
if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for
10 ever. Take heed now; for the LORD hath
chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary:
be strong, and do it.
11 Then David gave to Solomon his son the

pattern of the porch *of the temple*, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper rooms thereof, and of the inner chambers thereof, and of the [1]place of the mercy-seat: and the pattern of all that he had [2]by the spirit, for the courts of the house of the LORD, and for all the chambers round about, for the treasuries of the house of God, and for the treasuries of the dedicated things: also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD: of gold by weight for the *vessels of* gold, for all vessels of every kind of service; *of silver* for all the vessels of silver by weight, for all vessels of every kind of service: by weight also for the candlesticks of gold, and for the lamps thereof, of gold, by weight for every candlestick and for the lamps thereof: and for the candlesticks of silver, *silver* by weight for *every* candlestick and for the lamps thereof, according to the use of every candlestick: and the gold by weight for the tables of shewbread, for every table; and silver for the tables of silver: and the fleshhooks, and the basons, and the cups, of pure gold: and for the golden bowls by weight for every bowl; and for the silver bowls by weight for every bowl: and for the altar of incense refined gold by weight: and gold for the pattern of the chariot, *even* the cherubim, that spread out *their wings*, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD. All this, *said David*, [3]have I been made to understand in writing from the hand of the LORD, even all the works of this pattern. And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, is with thee;

[1] Heb. *house.*

[2] Or, *in his spirit*

[3] Or, *the LORD made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even &c.*

he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until all the work for the service of the house of the
21 LORD be finished. And, behold, there are the courses of the priests and the Levites, for all the service of the house of God: and there shall be with thee in all manner of work every willing man that hath skill, for any manner of service: also the captains and all the people will be wholly at thy commandment.

**29** 1 And David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for
2 the LORD God. Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for the *things of* gold, and the silver for the *things of* silver, and the brass for the *things of* brass, the iron for the *things of* iron, and wood for the *things of* wood; [1]onyx stones, and *stones* to be set, stones for inlaid work, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble
3 stones in abundance. Moreover also, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, seeing that I have a treasure of mine own of gold and silver, I give it unto the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for
4 the holy house; even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of
5 the houses withal: of gold for the *things of* gold, and of silver for the *things of* silver, and for all manner of work *to be made* by the hands of artificers. Who then offereth willingly [2]to con-
6 secrate himself this day unto the LORD? Then the princes of the fathers' *houses*, and the princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers over the
7 king's work, offered willingly; and they gave for

[1] Or, *beryl*

[2] Heb. *to fill his hand.*

the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand darics, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and of iron a hundred thousand talents. And they with whom *precious* stones 8
were found gave them to the treasure of the house of the LORD, under the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced, for that 9
they offered willingly, because with a perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy. Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all 10
the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. Thine, O LORD, is the great- 11
ness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, 12
and thou rulest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now 13
therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. But who am I, and what is 14
my people, that we should [1]be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and [2]of thine own have we given thee.
For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, 15
as all our fathers were: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is no [3]abiding. O 16
LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own. I 17
know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen

[1] Heb. *retain strength.*

[2] Heb. *of thine hand.*

[3] Heb. *hope.*

with joy thy people, which are present here, to
18 offer willingly unto thee. O LORD, the God of
Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers,
keep this for ever in the imagination of the
thoughts of the heart of thy people, and [1]prepare
19 their heart unto thee: and give unto Solomon
my son a perfect heart, to keep thy command-
ments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and
to do all these things, and to build the palace,
20 for the which I have made provision. And
David said to all the congregation, Now bless
the LORD your God. And all the congregation
blessed the LORD, the God of their fathers, and
bowed down their heads, and worshipped the
21 LORD, and the king. And they sacrificed sacri-
fices unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings
unto the LORD, on the morrow after that day,
even a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, and
a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings,
22 and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel; and
did eat and drink before the LORD on that day
with great gladness. And they made Solomon
the son of David king the second time, and
anointed him unto the LORD to be [2]prince, and
23 Zadok to be priest. Then Solomon sat on the
throne of the LORD as king instead of David his
father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed
24 him. And all the princes, and the mighty men,
and all the sons likewise of king David, [3]sub-
25 mitted themselves unto Solomon the king. And
the LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the
sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him such
royal majesty as had not been on any king
before him in Israel.

26 Now David the son of Jesse reigned over all
27 Israel. [4]And the time that he reigned over
Israel was forty years; seven years reigned he
in Hebron, and thirty and three *years* reigned

[1] Or, *establish*

[2] Or, *leader*

[3] Heb. *gave the hand under Solomon.*

[4] See 2 Sam. v. 4, 5, 1 Kings ii. 11.

he in Jerusalem. And he died in a good old 28
age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead. Now the 29
acts of David the king, first and last, behold,
[1] Heb. *words.* they are written in the [1]history of Samuel the
seer, and in the [1]history of Nathan the prophet,
and in the [1]history of Gad the seer; with all his 30
reign and his might, and the times that went
over him, and over Israel, and over all the
kingdoms of the countries.

# THE SECOND BOOK

OF

# THE CHRONICLES.

**1** 1 And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the LORD his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly.
2 And Solomon spake unto all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every prince in all Israel,
3 the heads of the fathers' *houses*. So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon; for there was the tent of meeting of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the
4 wilderness. But the ark of God had David brought up from Kiriath-jearim to *the place* that David had prepared for it: for he had
5 pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. Moreover the brasen altar, that Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, [1]was there before the tabernacle of the LORD: and Solomon
6 and the congregation sought unto it. And Solomon [2]went up thither to the brasen altar before the LORD, which was at the tent of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it.
7 [3]In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee.
8 And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shewed

[1] Or, as otherwise read, *he had put*

[2] Or, *offered there, upon... yea, he offered*

[3] See 1 Kings iii. 5, &c.

great kindness unto David my father, and hast made me king in his stead. Now, O LORD 9
God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I 10
may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great? And God said to Solomon, Because 11
this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of them that hate thee, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king: wisdom and 12
knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like. So Solomon [1]came *from his* 13
*journey* to the high place that was at Gibeon, from before the tent of meeting, unto Jerusalem; and he reigned over Israel.

[1] The Sept. and Vulgate have, *came from the high place.*

[2]And Solomon gathered chariots and horse- 14
men: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. And the king made silver 15
and gold to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore trees that are in the lowland, for abundance. And 16
the horses which Solomon had were brought out of Egypt; the king's merchants received them in droves, each drove at a price. And 17
they fetched up, and brought out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of

[2] See 1 Kings x. 26—29.

Syria, did they bring them out by their means.

2 1 Now Solomon purposed to build an house for the name of the LORD, and an house for his [Ch. i. 18 in Heb.]
2 kingdom. And Solomon told out threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and [Ch. ii. 1 in Heb.]
fourscore thousand men that were hewers in the mountains, and three thousand and six hundred
3 to oversee them. And Solomon sent to [1]Huram the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein, *even so*
4 *deal with me.* Behold, I build an house for the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him incense of sweet spices, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the set feasts of the LORD our God. This is *an*
5 *ordinance* for ever to Israel. And the house which I build is great: for great is our God
6 above all gods. But who [2]is able to build him an house, seeing the heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who am I then, that I should build him an house, save only to burn
7 incense before him? Now therefore send me a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill to grave *all manner of* gravings, *to be* with the cunning men that are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David
8 my father did provide. Send me also cedar trees, [3]fir trees, and [4]algum trees, out of Lebanon: for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon; and, behold, my serv-
9 ants shall be with thy servants, even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to build shall be wonderful great.

[1] In 1 Kings v. 1, *Hiram.*

[2] Heb. *retaineth strength.*

[3] Or, *cypress*

[4] In 1 Kings x. 11, *almug trees.*

And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the 10
hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand [1]measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand [1]measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil. Then Huram the king of Tyre answered in 11
writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the LORD loveth his people, he hath made thee king over them. Huram said moreover, Blessed be 12
the LORD, the God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, endued with discretion and understanding, that should build an house for the LORD, and an house for his kingdom. And 13
now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, [2]of Huram my father's, [3]the son 14
of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to devise any device: that there may be *a place* appointed unto him with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father. Now therefore the wheat 15
and the barley, the oil and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants: and we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as 16
much as thou shalt need: and we will bring it to thee in floats by sea to [4]Joppa; and thou shalt carry it up to Jerusalem. And Solomon 17
numbered all the strangers that were in the land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith David his father had numbered them; and they were found an hundred and fifty thousand, and three thousand and six hundred. [5]And he set 18
threescore and ten thousand of them to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand that were hewers

[1] Heb. *cors.*

[2] Or, *even Huram my father* See ch. iv. 16.

[3] See 1 Kings vii. 14.

[4] Heb. *Japho.*

[5] See ver. 2.

in the mountains, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people awork.

3 1 [1]Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where *the LORD* appeared unto David his father, [2]which he made ready [3]in the place that David had appointed, in the threshing-floor of [4]Ornan the 2 Jebusite. And he began to build in the second *day* of the second month, in the fourth year of 3 his reign. Now [5]these are the foundations which Solomon laid for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure was threescore cubits, and the breadth 4 twenty cubits. And the porch that was before *the house*, the length of it, according to the breadth of the house, was twenty cubits, and the height an hundred and twenty: and he 5 overlaid it within with pure gold. And the greater house he cieled with [6]fir tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and wrought thereon 6 palm trees and chains. And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the 7 gold was gold of Parvaim. He overlaid also the house, the beams, the thresholds, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; 8 and graved cherubim on the walls. And he made the most holy house; the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house, was twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, 9 amounting to six hundred talents. And the weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold. 10 And in the most holy house he made two cherubim of image work; and they overlaid them 11 with gold. And the wings of the cherubim were twenty cubits long: the wing of the one *cherub* was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the

[1] See 1 Kings vi. 1, &c.

[2] The Sept. and Vulgate have, *in the place which David had prepared, in the threshing-floor &c.*

[3] Heb. *in the place of David.*

[4] In 2 Sam. xxiv. 16, &c., *Araunah.*

[5] Or, *these are the things wherein Solomon was instructed for &c.*

[6] Or, *cypress*

house; and the other wing was *likewise* five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub. And the wing of the other cherub was five 12
cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was five cubits *also*, joining to the wing of the other cherub. The wings of 13
these cherubim spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their
[1] Or, *inward* faces were [1]toward the house. And he made 14
the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and
[2] See 1 Kings vii. 15, &c. fine linen, and wrought cherubim thereon. [2]Also 15
he made before the house two pillars of thirty and five cubits high, and the chapiter that was on the top of each of them was five cubits. And he made chains in the oracle, and put *them* 16
on the tops of the pillars; and he made an hundred pomegranates, and put them on the
[3] See 1 Kings vii. 21. chains. [3]And he set up the pillars before the 17
temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right
[4] That is, *He shall establish.* hand [4]Jachin, and the name of that on the left
[5] That is, perhaps, *In it is strength.* [5]Boaz. Moreover he made an altar of brass, 1 4
twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the
[6] See 1 Kings vii. 23, &c. height thereof. [6]Also he made the molten 2
sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and the height thereof was five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits compassed it round about. And under it was the similitude of 3
[7] In 1 Kings vii. 24, *knops.* [8] Or, *ten in a cubit* [7]oxen, which did compass it round about, [8]for ten cubits, compassing the sea round about. The [7]oxen were in two rows, cast when it was cast. It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking 4
toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set upon them above, and all their hinder parts were inward. And it was an handbreadth thick; 5

and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily: it received
6 and held three thousand baths. He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them; such things as belonged to the burnt offering they washed in them: but the sea was for the priests to wash
7 in. And he made the ten candlesticks of gold according to the ordinance concerning them; and he set them in the temple, five on the right
8 hand, and five on the left. He made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he
9 made an hundred basons of gold. Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the
10 doors of them with brass. And he set the sea on the right side *of the house* eastward, toward
11 the south. And Huram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basons. So Huram made an end of doing the work that he wrought for king
12 Solomon in the house of God: the two pillars, and the bowls, and the two chapiters which were on the top of the pillars; and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the chapiters that
13 were on the top of the pillars; and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks; two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters that were
14 [1]upon the pillars. He made also the bases, and
15 the lavers made he upon the bases; one sea,
16 and the twelve oxen under it. The pots also, and the shovels, and the fleshhooks, and all the vessels thereof, did [2]Huram his father make for king Solomon for the house of the LORD of
17 bright brass. In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between
18 Succoth and Zeredah. [3]Thus Solomon made all

[1] Heb. *upon the face of the pillars.*

[2] See ch. ii. 13.

[3] See 1 Kings vii. 47.

these vessels in great abundance: for the weight
[1] Or, *was not searched out*
of the brass [1]could not be found out. And 19
Solomon made all the vessels that were in the
house of God, the golden altar also, and the
tables whereon was the shewbread; and the 20
candlesticks with their lamps, that they should
burn according to the ordinance before the
oracle, of pure gold; and the flowers, and the 21
lamps, and the tongs, of gold, and that perfect
gold; and the snuffers, and the basons, and the 22
spoons, and the firepans, of pure gold: and as
for the entry of the house, the inner doors
thereof for the most holy place, and the doors
of the house, *to wit*, of the temple, were of gold.
Thus all the work that Solomon wrought for the 1 5
house of the LORD was finished. And Solomon
brought in the things that David his father had
dedicated; even the silver, and the gold, and
all the vessels, and put them in the treasuries
of the house of God.

[2] See 1 Kings viii. 1, &c.

[2]Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, 2
and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of
the fathers' *houses* of the children of Israel, unto
Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant
of the LORD out of the city of David, which is
Zion. And all the men of Israel assembled 3
themselves unto the king at the feast, which
was *in* the seventh month. And all the elders 4
of Israel came, and the Levites took up the
ark. And they brought up the ark, and the 5
tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that
were in the Tent; these did the priests the
Levites bring up. And king Solomon and all 6
the congregation of Israel, that were assembled
unto him, were before the ark, sacrificing sheep
and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered
for multitude. And the priests brought in the 7
ark of the covenant of the LORD unto its place,

into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubim.
8 For the cherubim spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered
9 the ark and the staves thereof above. And [1]the staves were so long that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen without: and there it is,
10 unto this day. There was nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put *there* at Horeb, [2]when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of
11 Egypt. And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, (for all the priests that were present had sanctified themselves, and did not keep their courses;
12 also the Levites which were the singers, all of them, even Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and their brethren, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred
13 and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:) it came even to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments [3]of music, and praised the LORD, *saying*, For he is good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of
14 the LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

[1] Or, *they drew out the staves, so that &c.*

[2] Or, *where*

[3] Or, *for song*

**6** 1 [4]Then spake Solomon, The LORD hath said
2 that he would dwell in the thick darkness. But I have built thee an house of habitation, and a
3 place for thee to dwell in for ever. And the king turned his face, and blessed all the congreg-

[4] See 1 Kings viii. 12, &c.

ation of Israel: and all the congregation of Israel stood. And he said, Blessed be the 4
LORD, the God of Israel, which spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hands fulfilled it, saying, Since the day that I 5
brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be [1]prince over my people Israel: but I have chosen Je- 6
rusalem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel.
Now it was in the heart of David my father to 7
build an house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel. But the LORD said unto David 8
my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house for my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart: nevertheless thou 9
shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name. And the LORD hath 10
performed his word that he spake; for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel. And there 11
have I set the ark, wherein is the covenant of the LORD, which he made with the children of Israel.

And he stood before the altar of the LORD in 12
the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands: (for Solomon had 13
made a brasen scaffold, of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:) and he said, 14

[1] Or, *leader*

O LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in the heaven, or in the earth; who keepest covenant and mercy [1]with thy servants, that
15 walk before thee with all their heart: who hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou didst promise him: yea, thou spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine
16 hand, as it is this day. Now therefore, O LORD, the God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, [2]There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; if only thy children take heed to their way, to walk in
17 my law as thou hast walked before me. Now therefore, O LORD, the God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou spakest unto thy
18 servant David. But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have builded!
19 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer
20 which thy servant prayeth before thee: that thine eyes may be open toward this house day and night, even toward the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant
21 shall pray toward this place. And hearken thou to the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: yea, hear thou from thy dwelling place, even from heaven; and when thou hearest,
22 forgive. [3]If a man sin against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and he come *and* swear before thine altar
23 in this house: then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, requiting the wicked,

[1] Or, *for*

[2] Heb. *There shall not be cut off unto thee a man from my sight.*

[3] Or, *Wherein-soever a man shall sin*

to bring his way upon his own head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness. And if thy people Israel be 24
smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall turn again and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house: then hear 25
thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers. When the heaven is shut up, and 26
there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin,
[1] Or, *because* [1]when thou [2]dost afflict them: then hear thou in 27
[2] Or, *answerest* heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, [1]when thou teachest them the good way wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance. If there be 28
in the land famine, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting or mildew, locust or caterpiller; if their enemies besiege them in the land of
[3] Heb. *gates.* their [3]cities; whatsoever plague or whatsoever sickness there be; what prayer and supplic- 29
ation soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man his own plague and his own sorrow, and shall spread forth his hands toward this house: then 30
hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according to all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of the children of men;) that they may fear thee, to 31
walk in thy ways, so long as they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers. More- 32
over concerning the stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, when he shall come from a far

country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched out arm; when they shall come and pray toward this house:
33 then hear thou from heaven, even from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all the peoples of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as doth thy people Israel, and that they may know that [1]this house which I have
34 built is called by thy name. If thy people go out to battle against their enemies, by whatsoever way thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name:
35 then hear thou from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their [2]cause.
36 If they sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that [3]they carry them away captive unto a land far off or
37 near; yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn again, and make supplication unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done perversely, and have
38 dealt wickedly; if they return unto thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captive, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house
39 which I have built for thy name: then hear thou from heaven, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their [2]cause; and forgive thy people which have
40 sinned against thee. Now, O my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent, unto the prayer that is

[1] Or, *thy name is called upon this house &c.*

[2] Or, *right*

[3] Heb. *they that take them captive carry them away.*

made in this place. [1]Now therefore arise, O 41
LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the
ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD
God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy
saints rejoice in [2]goodness. O LORD God, turn 42
not away the face of thine anointed: remember
the [3]mercies of David thy servant.

VII. Now when Solomon had made an end of 1
praying, the fire came down from heaven, and
consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices;
and the glory of the LORD filled the house.
And the priests could not enter into the house 2
of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD
filled the LORD'S house. And all the children 3
of Israel looked on, when the fire came down,
and the glory of the LORD was upon the house;
and they bowed themselves with their faces to
the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped,
and gave thanks unto the LORD, *saying*, For he
is good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
[4]Then the king and all the people offered sacri- 4
fice before the LORD. And king Solomon offered 5
a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen,
and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So
the king and all the people dedicated the house
of God. And the priests stood, according to 6
their offices; the Levites also with instruments
[5]of music of the LORD, which David the king
had made to give thanks unto the LORD, for his
mercy *endureth* for ever, when David praised
by their ministry: and the priests sounded
trumpets before them; and all Israel stood.
[6]Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of 7
the court that was before the house of the
LORD; for there he offered the burnt offerings,
and the fat of the peace offerings: because the
brasen altar which Solomon had made was not
able to receive the burnt offering, and the meal

[1] See Ps. cxxxii. 8, 9.

[2] Or, *good*

[3] Or, *good deeds* See ch. xxxii. 32.

[4] See 1 Kings viii. 62, 63.

[5] Or, *for the song of the* LORD

[6] See 1 Kings viii. 64—66.

8 offering, and the fat. So Solomon held the
feast at that time seven days, and all Israel
with him, a very great congregation, from the
entering in of Hamath unto the brook of Egypt.
9 And on the eighth day they held a [1]solemn
assembly: for they kept the dedication of the
altar seven days, and the feast seven days.
10 And on the three and twentieth day of the
seventh month he sent the people away unto
their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the
goodness that the LORD had shewed unto David,
and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.
11 [2]Thus Solomon finished the house of the
LORD, and the king's house: and all that came
into Solomon's heart to make in the house of
the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously
12 effected. And the LORD appeared to Solomon
by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy
prayer, and have chosen this place to myself
13 for an house of sacrifice. If I shut up heaven
that there be no rain, or if I command the
locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence
14 among my people; if my people, [3]which are
called by my name, shall humble themselves,
and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their
wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven,
and will forgive their sin, and will heal their
15 land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine
ears attent, unto the prayer that is made in this
16 place. For now have I chosen and hallowed
this house, that my name may be there for ever:
and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there
17 perpetually. And as for thee, if thou wilt walk
before me as David thy father walked, and do
according to all that I have commanded thee,
and wilt keep my statutes and my judgements;
18 then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom,
according as I covenanted with David thy father,

[1] Or, *closing festival*

[2] See 1 Kings ix. 1, &c.

[3] Heb. *upon whom my name is called.*

saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be
ruler in Israel. But if ye turn away, and forsake 19
my statutes and my commandments which I
have set before you, and shall go and serve
other gods, and worship them: then will I pluck 20
them up by the roots out of my land which
I have given them; and this house, which
I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out
of my sight, and I will make it a proverb and
a byword among all peoples. And this house, 21
which is so high, every one that passeth by it
shall be astonished, and shall say, Why hath
the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this
house? And they shall answer, Because they 22
forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers,
which brought them forth out of the land of
Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and wor-
shipped them, and served them: therefore hath
he brought all this evil upon them.

[1] See 1 Kings ix. 10, &c.

[1]And it came to pass at the end of twenty 1 **8**
years, wherein Solomon had built the house of
the LORD, and his own house, that the cities 2
which Huram had given to Solomon, Solomon
built them, and caused the children of Israel to
dwell there.

And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah, and 3
prevailed against it. And he built Tadmor in 4
the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he
built in Hamath. Also he built Beth-horon the 5
upper, and Beth-horon the nether, fenced cities,
with walls, gates, and bars; and Baalath, and 6
all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the
cities for his chariots, and the cities for his
horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build
for his pleasure in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon,
and in all the land of his dominion. As for 7
all the people that were left of the Hittites,
and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the

Hivites, and the Jebusites, which were not of
8 Israel; of their children that were left after
them in the land, whom the children of Israel
consumed not, of them did Solomon raise a levy
9 *of bondservants*, unto this day. But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for
his work; but they were men of war, and chief
of his captains, and rulers of his chariots and of
10 his horsemen. And these were the chief officers
of king Solomon, even two hundred and fifty,
11 that bare rule over the people. And Solomon
brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the
city of David unto the house that he had built
for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in
the house of David king of Israel, because [1]the
places are holy, whereunto the ark of the LORD
hath come.

[1] Heb. *they are.*

12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings unto
the LORD on the altar of the LORD, which he
13 had built before the porch, even as the duty
of every day required, offering according to
the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths,
and on the new moons, and on the set feasts,
three times in the year, *even* in the feast of
unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks,
14 and in the feast of tabernacles. And he appointed, according to the ordinance of David his
father, the courses of the priests to their service,
and the Levites to their charges, to praise, and
to minister before the priests, as the duty of
every day required: the doorkeepers also by
their courses at every gate: for so had David
15 the man of God commanded. And they departed not from the commandment of the king
unto the priests and Levites concerning any
16 matter, or concerning the treasures. Now all the
work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of
the foundation of the house of the LORD, and

until it was finished. *So* the house of the LORD was perfected.

Then went Solomon to Ezion-geber, and to 17
Eloth, on the sea shore in the land of Edom.
And Huram sent him by the hands of his serv- 18
ants ships, and servants that had knowledge
of the sea; and they came with the servants of
Solomon to Ophir, and fetched from thence four
hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought
them to king Solomon.

[1] See 1 Kings x. 1, &c.

[1]And when the queen of Sheba heard of the 1 9
fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon
with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very
great train, and camels that bare spices, and
gold in abundance, and precious stones: and
when she was come to Solomon, she communed
with him of all that was in her heart. And 2
Solomon told her all her questions: and there
was not any thing hid from Solomon which he
told her not. And when the queen of Sheba 3
had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the
house that he had built, and the meat of his 4
table, and the sitting of his servants, and the
[2] Heb. *standing.* [2]attendance of his ministers, and their apparel;
his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his
ascent by which he went up unto the house of
the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.
And she said to the king, It was a true report 5
[3] Or, *sayings* that I heard in mine own land of thine [3]acts,
and of thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed not 6
their words, until I came, and mine eyes had
seen it: and, behold, the half of the greatness
of thy wisdom was not told me: thou exceedest
the fame that I heard. Happy are thy men, 7
and happy are these thy servants, which stand
continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom.
Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted 8
in thee, to set thee on his throne, to be king for

the LORD thy God: because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgement
9 and justice. And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and spices in great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave
10 to king Solomon. And the servants also of Huram, and the servants of Solomon, which brought gold from Ophir, brought [1]algum trees
11 and precious stones. And the king made of the algum trees terraces for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, and harps and psalteries for the singers: and there were none
12 such seen before in the land of Judah. And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which she had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went to her own land, she and her servants.

13 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and three-
14 score and six talents of gold; beside that which the chapmen and merchants brought: and all the kings of Arabia and the governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.
15 And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred *shekels* of beaten
16 gold went to one target. And *he made* three hundred shields of beaten gold; three hundred *shekels* of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.
17 Moreover the king made a great throne of
18 ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. And there were six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne, and [2]stays on either side by the place of the seat,
19 and two lions standing beside the stays. And

[1] In 1 Kings x. 11, *almug trees.*

[2] Or, *arms* Heb. *hands.*

twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom. And all king Solo- 20
mon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold: silver was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon. For the king had 21
ships that went to Tarshish with the servants of Huram: once every three years came the ships of Tarshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. So king Solomon exceeded 22
all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. And all the kings of the earth sought the 23
presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. And they brought 24
every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year. And 25
Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. And he ruled over all the 26
kings from the River even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. And the 27
king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore trees that are in the lowland, for abundance. And 28
they brought horses for Solomon out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

[1] See 1 Kings xi. 41, &c.
[2] Heb. *words.*
[3] Heb. *Jedai*, or, *Jedo.*

[1]Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first 29
and last, are they not written in the [2]history of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of [3]Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat? And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel 30
forty years. And Solomon slept with his fathers, 31
and he was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

10 1 [1]And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him
2 king. And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it, (for he was in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of king Solomon,) that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.
3 And they sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all Israel came, and they spake to Rehoboam,
4 saying, Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.
5 And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.
6 And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men, that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye
7 me to return answer to this people? And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.
8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and took counsel with the young men that were grown up with him, that
9 stood before him. And he said unto them, What counsel give ye, that we may return answer to this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke that thy father did put upon
10 us lighter? And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou say unto the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger is
11 thicker than my father's loins. And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with

[1] See 1 Kings xii. 1, &c.

scorpions. So Jeroboam and all the people 12
came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king
bade, saying, Come to me again the third day.
And the king answered them roughly; and king 13
Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men,
and spake to them after the counsel of the 14
young men, saying, My father made your yoke
heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chas-
tised you with whips, but I *will chastise you*
with scorpions. So the king hearkened not 15
unto the people; for it was brought about of
God, that the LORD might establish his word,
which he spake by the hand of Ahijah the
Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. And 16
when all Israel saw that the king hearkened
not unto them, the people answered the king,
saying, What portion have we in David?
neither have we inheritance in the son of
Jesse: every man to your tents, O Israel:
now see to thine own house, David. So all
Israel departed unto their tents. But as for 17
the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities
of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. Then 18
king Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who was over
the levy; and the children of Israel stoned him
with stones, that he died. And king Rehoboam
made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee
to Jerusalem. So Israel rebelled against the 19
house of David, unto this day.

[1] See 1 Kings xii. 21—24.

[1]And when Rehoboam was come to Jeru- 1 **11**
salem, he assembled the house of Judah and
Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand
chosen men, which were warriors, to fight
against Israel, to bring the kingdom again to
Rehoboam. But the word of the LORD came 2
to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, Speak 3
unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of
Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Ben-

4 jamin, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall
not go up, nor fight against your brethren:
return every man to his house; for this thing
is of me. So they hearkened unto the words
of the LORD, and returned from going against
5 Jeroboam. And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusa-
6 lem, and built cities for defence in Judah. He
built even Beth-lehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,
7, 8 and Beth-zur, and Soco, and Adullam, and
9 Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph, and Adoraim,
10 and Lachish, and Azekah, and Zorah, and
Aijalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah and
11 in Benjamin, fenced cities. And he fortified
the strong holds, and put captains in them,
12 and store of victual, and oil and wine. And
in every several city *he put* shields and spears,
and made them exceeding strong. And Judah
13 and Benjamin belonged to him. And the
priests and the Levites that were in all Israel
14 resorted to him out of all their border. For
the Levites left their suburbs and their pos-
session, and came to Judah and Jerusalem:
for Jeroboam and his sons cast them off, that
they should not execute the priest's office unto
15 the LORD: and he appointed him priests for
the high places, and for the [1]he-goats, and for
16 the calves which he had made. And after
them, out of all the tribes of Israel, such as
set their hearts to seek the LORD, the God
of Israel, came to Jerusalem to sacrifice unto
17 the LORD, the God of their fathers. So they
strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made
Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three
years: for they walked three years in the way of
18 David and Solomon. And Rehoboam took him
a wife, Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the
son of David, [2]*and of* Abihail the daughter of
19 Eliab the son of Jesse; and she bare him sons;

[1] Or, *satyrs* See Lev. xvii. 7.

[2] Or, and *Abihail*

Jeush, and Shemariah, and Zaham. And after her 20
he took [1]Maacah the daughter of Absalom; and
she bare him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and
Shelomith. And Rehoboam loved Maacah the 21
daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his
concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and
threescore concubines, and begat twenty and
eight sons and threescore daughters.) And 22
Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maacah
to be chief, *even* the prince among his brethren:
for *he was minded* to make him king. And he 23
dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his sons through-
out all the lands of Judah and Benjamin, unto
every fenced city: and he gave them victual
in abundance. And he [2]sought *for them* many
wives.

[1] In ch. xiii. 2, *Micaiah the daughter of Uriel.*

[2] Or, *sought a multitude of wives*

And it came to pass, when the kingdom of 1 **12**
Rehoboam was established, and he was strong,
that he forsook the law of the LORD, and all
Israel with him. [3]And it came to pass in the 2
fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king
of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because
they had trespassed against the LORD, with 3
twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thou-
sand horsemen: and the people were without
number that came with him out of Egypt; the
Lubim, the Sukkiim, and the Ethiopians. And 4
he took the fenced cities which pertained to
Judah, and came unto Jerusalem. Now She- 5
maiah the prophet came to Rehoboam, and to
the princes of Judah, that were gathered to-
gether to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and
said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Ye have
forsaken me, therefore have I also left you in
the hand of Shishak. Then the princes of Israel 6
and the king humbled themselves; and they
said, The LORD is righteous. And when the 7
LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the

[3] See 1 Kings xiv. 25, &c.

word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying,
They have humbled themselves; I will not
destroy them: but I will grant them [1]some de-
liverance, and my wrath shall not be poured out
8 upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. Never-
theless they shall be his servants; that they may
know my service, and the service of the king-
9 doms of the countries. So Shishak king of
Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took
away the treasures of the house of the LORD,
and the treasures of the king's house; he took
all away: he took away also the shields of gold
10 which Solomon had made. And king Rehoboam
made in their stead shields of brass, and com-
mitted them to the hands of the captains of the
[2]guard, that kept the door of the king's house.
11 And it was so, that as oft as the king entered
into the house of the LORD, the guard came and
bare them, and brought them back into the
12 guard chamber. And when he humbled him-
self, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, that
he would not destroy him altogether: and more-
over in Judah [3]there were good things *found*.
13 [4]So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in
Jerusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam was
forty and one years old when he began to reign,
and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem,
the city which the LORD had chosen out of all
the tribes of Israel, to put his name there: and
his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess.
14 And he did that which was evil, because he set
15 not his heart to seek the LORD. [5]Now the acts
of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written
in the [6]histories of Shemaiah the prophet and of
Iddo the seer, [7]after the manner of genealogies?
And there were wars between Rehoboam and
16 Jeroboam continually. And Rehoboam slept
with his fathers, and was buried in the city

[1] Or, *deliverance within a little while* Or, *a few that shall escape*

[2] Heb. *runners*.

[3] See ch. xix. 3.

[4] See 1 Kings xiv. 21.

[5] See 1 Kings xiv. 29, &c.

[6] Heb. *words*.

[7] Or, *in reckoning the genealogies*

of David: and Abijah his son reigned in his stead.

[1] See 1 Kings xv. 1, 2.

[2] See ch. xi. 20.

[3] See 1 Kings xv. 7.

[1]In the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah. Three years reigned he in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was [2]Micaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. [3]And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam. And Abijah joined battle with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men: and Jeroboam set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, who were mighty men of valour. And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, and said, Hear me, O Jeroboam and all Israel; ought ye not to know that the LORD, the God of Israel, gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt? Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, rose up, and rebelled against his lord. And there were gathered unto him vain men, sons of [4]Belial, which strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them. And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye be a great multitude, and there are with you the golden calves which Jeroboam made you for gods. Have ye not driven out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the peoples of *other* lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of *them that are* no gods. But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and *we have* priests ministering unto the

[4] That is, *worthlessness.*

13 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites in
11 their work: and they burn unto the LORD every
morning and every evening burnt offerings and
sweet incense: the shewbread also *set they*
in order upon the pure table; and the candle-
stick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn
every evening: for we keep the charge of the
LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him.
12 And, behold, God is with us at our head, and
his priests with the trumpets of alarm to sound
an alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight
ye not against the LORD, the God of your
13 fathers; for ye shall not prosper. But Jero-
boam caused an ambushment to come about be-
hind them: so they were before Judah, and the
14 ambushment was behind them. And when
Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before
and behind them: and they cried unto the LORD,
and the priests sounded with the trumpets.
15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as
the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that
God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before
16 Abijah and Judah. And the children of Israel
fled before Judah: and God delivered them into
17 their hand. And Abijah and his people slew
them with a great slaughter: so there fell down
slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen
18 men. Thus the children of Israel were brought
under at that time, and the children of Judah
prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD,
19 the God of their fathers. And Abijah pursued
after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Beth-
el with the towns thereof, and Jeshanah with
the towns thereof, and [1]Ephron with the towns
20 thereof. Neither did Jeroboam recover strength
again in the days of Abijah: and the LORD
21 smote him, and he died. But Abijah waxed
mighty, and took unto himself fourteen wives,

[1] Another reading is, *Ephrain*.

and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters. And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, are written in the commentary of the prophet Iddo. 22

[Ch. xiii. 23 in Heb.] 14

[1]So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David, and Asa his son reigned in his stead: in his days the land was quiet ten years. And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God: for he took away the strange altars, and the high places, and brake down the [2]pillars, and hewed down the [3]Asherim; and commanded Judah to seek the LORD, the God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment. Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the sun-images: and the kingdom was quiet before him. And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land was quiet, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest. For he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, gates, and bars; the land is yet before us, because we have sought the LORD our God; we have sought him, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered. And Asa had an army that bare bucklers and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these were mighty men of valour. And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an army of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and he came unto Mareshah. Then Asa went out to meet him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, [4]there is none [5]beside thee to help, be-

[1] See 1 Kings xv. 8.

[Ch. xiv. 1 in Heb.]

[2] Or, *obelisks*

[3] See Ex. xxxiv. 13.

[4] Or, *there is no difference with thee to help, whether the mighty or him &c.*

[5] Or, *like*

tween the mighty and him that hath no strength: help us, O LORD our God; for we rely on thee, and in thy name are we come against this multitude. O LORD, thou art our God; let not
12 man prevail against thee. So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah;
13 and the Ethiopians fled. And Asa and the people that were with him pursued them unto Gerar: and there fell of the Ethiopians [1]so many that they could not recover themselves; for they were [2]destroyed before the LORD, and before his host; and they carried away very
14 much booty. And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for [3]the fear of the LORD came upon them: and they spoiled all the cities;
15 for there was much spoil in them. They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep in abundance and camels, and returned to Jerusalem.

[1] Or, *so that none remained alive*

[2] Heb. *broken.*

[3] Or, *a terror from the* LORD

**15** 1 And the spirit of God came upon Azariah
2 the son of Oded: and he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: the LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he
3 will forsake you. Now for [4]long seasons Israel hath been without the true God, and without
4 a teaching priest, and without law: but when in their distress they turned unto the LORD, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of
5 them. And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants
6 of the lands. And they were broken in pieces, nation against nation, and city against city: for
7 God did vex them with all adversity. But be ye strong, and let not your hands be slack:
8 for your work shall be rewarded. And when

[4] Or, *a long season*

Asa heard these words, [1]and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominations out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from the hill country of Ephraim; and he renewed the altar of the LORD, that was before the porch of the LORD. And he gathered 9
all Judah and Benjamin, and them that sojourned with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God was with him. So they gathered 10
themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. And they sacrificed unto the LORD in 11
that day, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. And they entered into the covenant to seek the 12
LORD, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul; and that who- 13
soever would not seek the LORD, the God of Israel, should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. And 14
they sware unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. And all Judah rejoiced at the 15
oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the LORD gave them rest round about. [2]And also Maacah the 16
mother of Asa the king, he removed her from being [3]queen, because she had made an abominable image [4]for an Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and made dust of it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron. But the high places were 17
not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days. And he 18
brought into the house of God the things that

[1] Or, *even*

[2] See 1 Kings xv. 13—15.

[3] Or, *queen mother*

[4] Or, *for Asherah*

his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.
19 And there was no more war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

**16** 1 [1]In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king
2 of Judah. Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Ben-hadad king of Syria, that dwelt at [2]Damascus,
3 saying, [3]*There is* a league between me and thee, as *there was* between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king
4 of Israel, that he may depart from me. And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the [4]store cities of Naphtali.
5 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard thereof, that he left off building of Ramah, and let
6 his work cease. Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded; and he built therewith
7 Geba and Mizpah. And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and hast not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria
8 escaped out of thine hand. Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubim a huge host, with chariots and horsemen exceeding many? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he deliv-
9 ered them into thine hand. For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole

[1] See 1 Kings xv. 17, &c.

[2] Heb. *Darmesek.*

[3] Or, Let there be

[4] Heb. *storehouses of the cities.*

earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly; for from henceforth thou shalt have wars. Then Asa was wroth 10
with the seer, and put him in the [1]prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people the same time. [2]And, behold, the acts of Asa, 11
first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. And in the 12
thirty and ninth year of his reign Asa was diseased in his feet; his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians. And Asa slept 13
with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign. And they buried him in his 14
own sepulchres, which he had hewn out for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and divers kinds *of spices* prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made a very great burning for him.

And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, 1 **17**
and strengthened himself against Israel. And 2
he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken. And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, 3
because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto the Baalim; but 4
sought to the God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel. Therefore the LORD stablished the king- 5
dom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance. And his heart was lifted 6
up in the ways of the LORD: and furthermore he took away the high places and the Asherim

[1] Heb. *house of the stocks.*

[2] See 1 Kings xv. 23, 24.

7 out of Judah. Also in the third year of his
reign he sent his princes, even Ben-hail, and
Obadiah, and Zechariah, and Nethanel, and
8 Micaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah; and
with them the Levites, even Shemaiah, and
Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and She-
miramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and
Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, the Levites; and
with them Elishama and Jehoram, the priests.
9 And they taught in Judah, having the book of
the law of the LORD with them; and they went
about throughout all the cities of Judah, and
10 taught among the people. And [1]the fear of the
LORD fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands
that were round about Judah, so that they
11 made no war against Jehoshaphat. And some
of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents,
and silver for tribute; the Arabians also brought
him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred
rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred
12 he-goats. And Jehoshaphat waxed great ex-
ceedingly; and he built in Judah castles and
13 cities of store. And he had many works in the
cities of Judah; and men of war, mighty men
14 of valour, in Jerusalem. And this was the
numbering of them according to their fathers'
houses: of Judah, the captains of thousands;
Adnah the captain, and with him mighty men
15 of valour three hundred thousand: and next to
him Jehohanan the captain, and with him two
16 hundred and fourscore thousand: and next to
him Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly
offered himself unto the LORD; and with him
two hundred thousand mighty men of valour:
17 and of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of
valour, and with him two hundred thousand
18 armed with bow and shield: and next to him
Jehozabad, and with him an hundred and four-

[1] Or, *a terror from the* LORD

score thousand ready prepared for war. These 19
were they that waited on the king, beside those
whom the king put in the fenced cities through-
out all Judah.

Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in 1 **18**
abundance; and he joined affinity with Ahab.
[1] See 1 Kings xxii. 2, &c. [1]And after certain years he went down to Ahab 2
to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen
for him in abundance, and for the people that
were with him, and moved him to go up *with*
*him* to Ramoth-gilead. And Ahab king of 3
Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah,
Wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And
he answered him, I am as thou art, and my
people as thy people; and *we will be* with thee
in the war. And Jehoshaphat said unto the 4
king of Israel, Inquire, I pray thee, at the word
of the LORD to-day. Then the king of Israel 5
gathered the prophets together, four hundred
men, and said unto them, Shall we go to
Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?
And they said, Go up; for God shall deliver it
into the hand of the king. But Jehoshaphat 6
said, Is there not here besides a prophet of the
LORD, that we might inquire of him? And the 7
king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is
yet one man by whom we may inquire of the
LORD: but I hate him; for he never prophesieth
good concerning me, but always evil: the same
is Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat
said, Let not the king say so. Then the king 8
[2] Or, *eunuch* of Israel called an [2]officer, and said, Fetch
quickly Micaiah the son of Imla. Now the 9
king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of
Judah sat each on his throne, arrayed in their
[3] Heb. *a threshing-floor.* robes, and they sat in [3]an open place at the
entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the
prophets prophesied before them. And Zedek- 10

iah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until they be consumed. 11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king. 12 And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets *declare* good to the king with one mouth: let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good. 13 And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what my God saith, that will I speak. 14 And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, [1]Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and prosper; and they shall be delivered into your hand. 15 And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou speak unto me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD? 16 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return every man to his house in peace. 17 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil? 18 And he said, Therefore hear ye the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left. 19 And the LORD said, Who shall [2]entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner. 20 And there came forth [3]a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith?

[1] Heb. *Micah.*

[2] Or, *deceive*

[3] Heb. *the spirit.*

And he said, I will go forth, and will be a 21
lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.
And he said, Thou shalt entice him, and shalt
prevail also: go forth, and do so. Now there- 22
fore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit
in the mouth of these thy prophets; and the
LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee. Then 23
Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and
smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, Which
way went the spirit of the LORD from me to
speak unto thee? And Micaiah said, Behold, 24
thou shalt see on that day, when thou shalt
go [1]into an inner chamber to hide thyself. And 25
the king of Israel said, Take ye Micaiah, and
carry him back unto Amon the governor of the
city, and to Joash the king's son; and say, Thus 26
saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison,
and feed him with bread of affliction and with
water of affliction, until I return in peace. And 27
Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the
LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said,
[2]Hear, ye peoples, all of you.

So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the 28
king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. And 29
the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will
disguise myself, and go into the battle; but
put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel
disguised himself; and they went into the battle.
Now the king of Syria had commanded the capt- 30
ains of his chariots, saying, Fight neither with
small nor great, save only with the king of Israel.
And it came to pass, when the captains of the 31
chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is
the king of Israel. Therefore they turned about
to fight against him: but Jehoshaphat cried out,
and the LORD helped him; and God moved them
*to depart* from him. And it came to pass, when 32
the captains of the chariots saw that it was not

[1] Or, *from chamber to chamber*

[2] See Micah i. 2.

the king of Israel, that they turned back from
33 pursuing him. And a certain man drew his
bow [1]at a venture, and smote the king of Israel
between [2]the joints of the harness: wherefore
he said to the driver of the chariot, Turn thine
hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am
34 sore wounded. And the battle increased that
day: howbeit the king of Israel stayed himself
up in his chariot against the Syrians until the
even: and about the time of the going down of
the sun he died.

[1] Heb. *in his simplicity.*
[2] Or, *the lower armour and the breast-plate*

**19** 1 And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned
2 to his house in peace to Jerusalem. And Jehu
the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet
him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest
thou help the wicked, and love them that hate
the LORD? for this thing wrath is upon thee
3 from before the LORD. Nevertheless there are
good things found in thee, in that thou hast put
away the Asheroth out of the land, and hast
set thine heart to seek God.

4 And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he
went out again among the people from Beer-
sheba to the hill country of Ephraim, and
brought them back unto the LORD, the God of
5 their fathers. And he set judges in the land
throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city
6 by city, and said to the judges, Consider what
ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the
LORD; and *he is* with you [3]in the judgement.
7 Now therefore let the fear of the LORD be upon
you; take heed and do it: for there is no in-
iquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of
8 persons, nor taking of gifts. Moreover in Jeru-
salem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites and
the priests, and of the heads of the fathers'
*houses* of Israel, for the judgement of the LORD,
and for controversies. And they returned to

[3] Or, *in giving judgement* Heb. *in the matter of judgement.*

Jerusalem. And he charged them, saying, 9
Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart. And whenso- 10
ever any controversy shall come to you from your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgements, ye shall warn them, that they be not guilty towards the LORD, and so wrath come upon you and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not be guilty. And, behold, Amariah the chief priest is over 11
you in all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, in all the king's matters: also the Levites shall be officers before you. [1]Deal courageously, and the LORD be with the good.

[1] Heb. *Be strong and do.*

And it came to pass after this, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and 1 20
with them some of the [2]Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle. Then there came some 2
that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea from Syria; and, behold, they be in Hazazon-tamar (the same is En-gedi). And Jeho- 3
shaphat feared, and set himself to seek unto the LORD; and he proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. And Judah gathered themselves to- 4
gether, to seek *help* of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD. And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of 5
Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court; and he said, O LORD, the 6
God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and art not thou ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? and in thine hand is power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee. Didst not thou, O our God, drive out the in- 7
habitants of this land before thy people Israel,

[2] Perhaps an error for *Meunim*. So the Sept. See ch. xxvi. 7.

and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend
8 for ever? And they dwelt therein, and have
built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, say-
9 ing, If evil come upon us, [1]the sword, judgement,
or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before
this house, and before thee, (for thy name is in
this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction,
10 and thou wilt hear and save. And now, be-
hold, the children of Ammon and Moab and
mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel
invade, when they came out of the land of
Egypt, but they turned aside from them, and
11 destroyed them not; behold, how they reward
us, to come to cast us out of thy possession,
12 which thou hast given us to inherit. O our
God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no
might against this great company that cometh
against us; neither know we what to do: but
13 our eyes are upon thee. And all Judah stood
before the LORD, with their little ones, their
14 wives, and their children. Then upon Jahaziel
the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the
son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, the Levite,
of the sons of Asaph, came the spirit of the
15 LORD in the midst of the congregation; and he
said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants
of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat: thus
saith the LORD unto you, Fear not ye, neither
be dismayed by reason of this great multitude;
16 for the battle is not yours, but God's. To-
morrow go ye down against them: behold, they
come up by the ascent of Ziz; and ye shall find
them at the end of the valley, before the wilder-
17 ness of Jeruel. Ye shall not need to fight in
this *battle*: set yourselves, stand ye still, and
see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah
and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed: to-
morrow go out against them; for the LORD

[1] Or, *the sword of judgement*

is with you. And Jehoshaphat bowed his head 18
with his face to the ground: and all Judah and
the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before
the LORD, worshipping the LORD. And the 19
Levites, of the children of the Kohathites and
of the children of the Korahites, stood up to
praise the LORD, the God of Israel, with an
exceeding loud voice. And they rose early in 20
the morning, and went forth into the wilderness
of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat
stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye
inhabitants of Jerusalem; believe in the LORD
your God, so shall ye be established; believe
his prophets, so shall ye prosper. And when 21
he had taken counsel with the people, he ap-
pointed them that should sing unto the LORD,
and praise [1]the beauty of holiness, as they went
out before the army, and say, Give thanks
unto the LORD; for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
And when they began to sing and to praise, the 22
LORD set liers in wait against the children of
Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were
come against Judah; and they were smitten.
For the children of Ammon and Moab stood 23
up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly
to slay and destroy them: and when they had
made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every
one helped to destroy another. And when 24
Judah came to the watch-tower of the wilder-
ness, they looked upon the multitude; and,
behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the
earth, and there were none that escaped. And 25
when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take
the spoil of them, they found among them in
abundance both riches and [2]dead bodies, and
precious jewels, which they stripped off for
themselves, more than they could carry away:
and they were three days in taking of the spoil,

[1] Or, *in the beauty of holiness*

[2] According to some ancient authorities, *garments*.

26 it was so much. And on the fourth day they
assembled themselves in the valley of [1]Beracah ; [1] That is, *Blessing.*
for there they blessed the LORD : therefore the
name of that place was called The valley of
27 Beracah, unto this day. Then they returned,
every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jeho-
shaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to
Jerusalem with joy ; for the LORD had made
28 them to rejoice over their enemies. And they
came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps
and trumpets unto the house of the LORD.
29 And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms
of the countries, when they heard that the LORD
30 fought against the enemies of Israel. So the
realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet : for his God
gave him rest round about.

31 [2]And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah : he [2] See 1 Kings xxii. 41, &c.
was thirty and five years old when he began to
reign ; and he reigned twenty and five years in
Jerusalem : and his mother's name was Azubah
32 the daughter of Shilhi. And he walked in the
way of Asa his father, and turned not aside
from it, doing that which was right in the eyes
33 of the LORD. Howbeit the high places were
not taken away ; neither as yet had the people
set their hearts unto the God of their fathers.
34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first
and last, behold, they are written in the [3]history [3] Heb. *words.*
of Jehu the son of Hanani, [4]which is inserted in [4] Or, *who is mentioned*
the book of the kings of Israel.

35 [5]And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah [5] See 1 Kings xxii. 48, 49.
join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel ; the
36 same did very wickedly : and he joined himself
with him to make ships to go to Tarshish : and
37 they made the ships in Ezion-geber. Then
Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshah
prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Be-
cause thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah,

[1] Or, *made a breach in*

the LORD hath [1]destroyed thy works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

[2] See 1 Kings xxii. 50.

[2]And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and 1 **21**
was buried with his fathers in the city of David:
and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.
And he had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat, 2
Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah,
and Michael, and Shephatiah: all these were
the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. And 3
their father gave them great gifts, of silver, and
of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities
in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram,
because he was the firstborn. Now when 4
Jehoram was risen up over the kingdom of his
father, and had strengthened himself, he slew
all his brethren with the sword, and divers also

[3] See 2 Kings viii. 17, &c.

of the princes of Israel. [3]Jehoram was thirty 5
and two years old when he began to reign; and
he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. And he 6
walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did
the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of
Ahab to wife: and he did that which was evil
in the sight of the LORD. Howbeit the LORD 7
would not destroy the house of David, because
of the covenant that he had made with David,
and as he promised to give a lamp to him
and to his children alway. In his days Edom 8
revolted from under the hand of Judah, and
made a king over themselves. Then Jehoram 9
passed over with his captains, and all his
chariots with him: and he rose up by night,
and smote the Edomites which compassed
him about, and the captains of the chariots.
So Edom revolted from under the hand 10
of Judah, unto this day: then did Libnah
revolt at the same time from under his hand:
because he had forsaken the LORD, the God of

his fathers. Moreover he made high places
in the [1]mountains of Judah, and made the in-
habitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, and
[2]led Judah astray. And there came a writing
to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus
saith the LORD, the God of David thy father,
Because thou hast not walked in the ways of
Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa
king of Judah; but hast walked in the way of
the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and
the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring,
like as the house of Ahab [3]did; and also hast
slain thy brethren of thy father's house, which
were better than thyself: behold, the LORD will
smite with a great [4]plague thy people, and thy
children, and thy wives, and all thy substance:
and thou shalt have great sickness by disease
of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by
reason of the sickness, [5]day by day. And the
LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of
the Philistines, and of the Arabians which are
beside the Ethiopians: and they came up against
Judah, and brake into it, and carried away all
the substance that was found [6]in the king's
house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that
there was never a son left him, save [7]Jehoahaz,
the youngest of his sons. And after all this
the LORD smote him in his bowels with an in-
curable disease. And it came to pass, in process
of time, at the end of two years, that his bowels
fell out by reason of his sickness, and he died
of sore diseases. And his people made no
burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.
Thirty and two years old was he when he began
to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight
years: and he departed without being desired;
and they buried him in the city of David, but
not in the sepulchres of the kings.

[1] According to some ancient authorities, *cities*.
[2] Or, *compelled Judah thereto*
[3] Heb. *made to go a whoring*.
[4] Heb. *stroke*.
[5] Or, *year after year*
[6] Or, *belonging to*
[7] In ch. xxii 1, *Ahaziah*.

22 [1]And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made 1
[2]Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead:
for the band of men that came with the Arab-
ians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So
Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah
reigned. [3]Forty and two years old was Ahaz- 2
iah when he began to reign; and he reigned
one year in Jerusalem: and his mother's name
was Athaliah the [4]daughter of Omri. He also 3
walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for
his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly.
And he did that which was evil in the sight 4
of the LORD, as did the house of Ahab: for
they were his counsellors after the death of his
father, to his destruction. He walked also after 5
their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son
of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael
king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians
wounded Joram. And he returned to be healed 6
in Jezreel [5]of the wounds which they had given
him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael
king of Syria. And [6]Azariah the son of Je-
horam king of Judah went down to see Jehoram
the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.
Now the [7]destruction of Ahaziah was of God, 7
in that he went unto Joram: for when he was
come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu
the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed
to cut off the house of Ahab. [8]And it came to 8
pass, when Jehu was executing judgement upon
the house of Ahab, that he found the princes of
Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah,
ministering to Ahaziah, and slew them. [9]And 9
he sought Ahaziah, and they caught him, (now
he was hiding in Samaria,) and they brought him
to Jehu, and slew him; and they buried him,
for they said, He is the son of Jehoshaphat,
who sought the LORD with all his heart. [10]And

[1] See 2 Kings viii. 24, &c.
[2] In ch. xxi. 17, *Jehoahaz.*
[3] In 2 Kings viii. 26, *Two and twenty.*
[4] Or, *granddaughter*
[5] So in 2 Kings viii. 29, and in the Sept. and Syriac versions. The text has, *because the wounds which &c.*
[6] In ver. 1, *Ahaziah.*
[7] Heb. *treading down.*
[8] See 2 Kings x. 11, &c.
[9] See 2 Kings ix. 27.
[10] Or, *And there was none of the house of Ahaziah that had power &c.*

the house of Ahaziah had no power to hold the kingdom.

10 [1]Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of
11 Judah. But [2]Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in the [3]bedchamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him
12 from Athaliah, so that she slew him not. And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

23 1 [4]And in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with
2 him. And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the heads of fathers' *houses* of Israel,
3 and they came to Jerusalem. And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD hath spoken concerning the sons of David.
4 This is the thing that ye shall do: [5]a third part of you, that come in on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be porters of
5 the [6]doors; and a third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people shall be in
6 the courts of the house of the LORD. But let none come into the house of the LORD, save the priests, and they that minister of the Levites;

[1] See 2 Kings xi. 1, &c.

[2] In 2 Kings xi. 2, *Jehosheba.*

[3] Or, *chamber for the beds*

[4] See 2 Kings xi. 4, &c.

[5] See 1 Chr. xxiv. 4.

[6] Heb. *thresholds.*

they shall come in, for they are holy: but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD. And the Levites shall compass the king round 7
about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever cometh into the house, let him be slain: and be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out. So the Levites 8
and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men, those that were to come in on the sabbath, with those that were to go out on the sabbath; for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses. And Jehoiada the priest de- 9
livered to the captains of hundreds the spears, and bucklers, and shields, that had been king David's, which were in the house of God. And 10
he set all the people, every man with his weapon in his hand, from the right [1]side of the house to the left side of the house, along by the altar and the house, by the king round about. Then 11
they brought out the king's son, and [2]put the crown upon him, and *gave him* the testimony, and made him king: and Jehoiada and his sons anointed him; and they said, [3]God save the king. And when Athaliah heard the noise [4]of 12
the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD: and she looked, and, behold, the king stood by 13
his pillar at the entrance, and the captains and the trumpets by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets; the singers also *played* on instruments of music, and led the singing of praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, Treason, treason. And 14
Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth between the ranks; and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with

[1] Heb. *shoulder.*

[2] Or, *put upon him the crown and the testimony*

[3] Heb. *Let the king live.*

[4] Or, *of the people, of the guard, and of those who praised the king*

the sword: for the priest said, Slay her not in
15 the house of the LORD. So they made way for
her; and she went to the entry of the horse
gate to the king's house: and they slew her
there.
16 And Jehoiada made a covenant between him-
self, and all the people, and the king, that they
17 should be the LORD'S people. And all the
people went to the house of Baal, and brake it
down, and brake his altars and his images in
pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal
18 before the altars. And Jehoiada appointed the
offices of the house of the LORD under the hand
of the priests the Levites, whom David had
distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer
the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written
in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with
19 singing, [1]according to the order of David. And
he set the porters at the gates of the house of
the LORD, that none which was unclean in any
20 thing should enter in. And he took the captains
of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors
of the people, and all the people of the land,
and brought down the king from the house of
the LORD: and they came through the upper
gate unto the king's house, and set the king
21 upon the throne of the kingdom. So all the
people of the land rejoiced, and the city was
quiet: and they slew Athaliah with the sword.

[1] Heb. *by the hands of David.*

**24** 1 [2]Joash was seven years old when he began to
reign; and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem:
and his mother's name was Zibiah of Beer-
2 sheba. And Joash did that which was right in
the eyes of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada
3 the priest. And Jehoiada took for him two
4 wives; and he begat sons and daughters. And
it came to pass after this, that Joash was minded
5 to restore the house of the LORD. And he

[2] See 2 Kings xi. 21, xii. 1, &c.

gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Levites hastened it not. And the king 6
called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the tax of Moses the servant of the LORD, and of
[1] Or, *for Israel* the congregation [1]of Israel, for the tent of the testimony? For the sons of Athaliah, that 7
wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD did they bestow upon the Baalim. So the king commanded, and they 8
made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the LORD. And they made a 9
proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in for the LORD the tax that Moses the servant of God laid upon Israel in the wilderness. And all the princes and all the people 10
rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end. And it was so, 11
that at what time the chest was brought unto
[2] Or, *officers* the king's [2]office [3]by the hand of the Levites,
[3] Or, which was *under the hand* and when they saw that there was much money,
[4] Or, *secretary* the king's [4]scribe and the chief priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to its place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.
And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such 12
as did the work of the service of the house of the LORD; and they hired masons and carpenters to restore the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brass to repair the
[5] Heb. *healing went up upon the work.* house of the LORD. So the workmen wrought, 13
and [5]the work was perfected by them, and they

set up the house of God [1]in its state, and strengthened it. 14 And when they had made an end, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of the LORD, even vessels to minister, and [2]to offer withal, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all 15 the days of Jehoiada. But Jehoiada waxed old and was full of days, and he died; an hundred 16 and thirty years old was he when he died. And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, and 17 toward God and his house. Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the 18 king hearkened unto them. And they forsook the house of the LORD, the God of their fathers, and served the Asherim and the idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this 19 their guiltiness. Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them: but they would not give 20 ear. And the spirit of God [3]came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest; and he stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath 21 also forsaken you. And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house 22 of the LORD. Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, The LORD look upon it, and re-
23 quire it. And it came to pass at the [4]end of the year, that the army of the Syrians came up

[1] Or, *according to the proportion thereof*

[2] Or, *pestles*

[3] Heb. *clothed itself with.*

[4] Heb. *revolution.*

against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of Damascus. For 24
the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men; and the LORD delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD, the God of their fathers.
So they executed [1]judgement upon Joash. And 25
when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases,) his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the [2]sons of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings. And these are they that con- 26
spired against him; [3]Zabad the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of [4]Shimrith the Moabitess. Now concerning his 27
sons, and the greatness of the burdens [5]*laid* upon him, and the [6]rebuilding of the house of God, behold, they are written in the commentary of the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

[7]Amaziah was twenty and five years old when 1 25
he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. And he 2
did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart. Now it 3
came to pass, when the kingdom was established unto him, that he slew his servants which had killed the king his father. But he put not their 4
children to death, but did according to that which is written in the law in the book of Moses, as the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers; but every man

[1] Heb. *judgements.*

[2] The Sept. and Vulgate read, *son.*

[3] In 2 Kings xii. 21, *Jozacar.*

[4] In 2 Kings xii. 21, *Shomer.*

[5] Or, uttered *against*

[6] Heb. *founding.*

[7] See 2 Kings xiv. 1, &c.

5 shall die for his own sin. Moreover Amaziah
gathered Judah together, and ordered them
according to their fathers' houses, under captains
of thousands and captains of hundreds, even
all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them
from twenty years old and upward, and found
them three hundred thousand chosen men, able
to go forth to war, that could handle spear and
6 shield. He hired also an hundred thousand
mighty men of valour out of Israel for an
7 hundred talents of silver. But there came a
man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the
army of Israel go with thee; for the LORD is
not with Israel, *to wit*, with all the children of
8 Ephraim. But [1]if thou wilt go, do *valiantly*, be [1] Or, *go thou*
strong for the battle: God shall cast thee down
before the enemy; for God hath power to help,
9 and to cast down. And Amaziah said to the
man of God, But what shall we do for the
hundred talents which I have given to the
[2]army of Israel? And the man of God an- [2] Heb. *troop*.
swered, The LORD is able to give thee much
10 more than this. Then Amaziah separated them,
*to wit*, the [2]army that was come to him out of
Ephraim, to go home again: wherefore their
anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and
11 they returned home in fierce anger. And
Amaziah took courage, and led forth his people,
and went to [3]the Valley of Salt, and smote of [3] See 2 Kings
12 the children of Seir ten thousand. And *other* xiv. 7.
ten thousand did the children of Judah carry
away alive, and brought them unto the top
of [4]the rock, and cast them down from the [4] Or, *Sela*
top of [4]the rock, that they all were broken
13 in pieces. But [5]the men of the army which [5] Heb. *the sons of the troop*.
Amaziah sent back, that they should not go
with him to battle, fell upon the cities of
Judah, from Samaria even unto Beth-horon, and

smote of them three thousand, and took much spoil.

14 Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them. 15 Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which have not delivered their own people out of thine hand? 16 And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that *the king* said unto him, Have we made thee of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldest thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbare, and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel.

17 [1]Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face. 18 And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The [2]thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle. 19 Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten Edom; and thine heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home; why shouldest thou [3]meddle to *thy* hurt, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Judah with thee? 20 But Amaziah would not hear; for it was of God, that he might deliver them into the hand *of their enemies*, because they had sought after the gods of Edom. 21 So Joash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked

[1] See 2 Kings xiv. 8, &c.

[2] Or, *thorn*

[3] Or, *provoke calamity*

one another in the face at Beth-shemesh, which
22 belongeth to Judah. And Judah was put to the
worse before Israel; and they fled every man to
23 his tent. And Joash king of Israel took Amaziah
king of Judah, the son of Joash the son of Je-
hoahaz, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to
Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jeru-
salem from the gate of Ephraim unto [1]the corner
24 gate, four hundred cubits. And *he took* all the
gold and silver, and all the vessels that were
found in the house of God with [2]Obed-edom,
and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages
also, and returned to Samaria.
25 And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah
lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz
26 king of Israel fifteen years. Now the rest of
the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, are
they not written in the book of the kings of
27 Judah and Israel? Now from the time that
Amaziah did turn away from following the
LORD they made a conspiracy against him in
Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they
sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there.
28 And they brought him upon horses, and buried
him with his fathers in [3]the city of Judah.

**26** 1 And all the people of Judah took [4]Uzziah,
who was sixteen years old, and made him king
2 in the room of his father Amaziah. He built
Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the
3 king slept with his fathers. [5]Sixteen years old
was Uzziah when he began to reign; and he
reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem: and
his mother's name was Jechiliah of Jerusalem.
4 And he did that which was right in the eyes
of the LORD, according to all that his father
5 Amaziah had done. And he set himself to seek
God in the days of Zechariah, who [6]had under-
standing in [7]the vision of God: and as long as

[1] So in 2 Kings xiv. 13. The text has, *the gate that looketh.*
[2] See 1 Chr. xxvi. 15.
[3] In 2 Kings xiv. 20, *the city of David.*
[4] In 2 Kings xiv. 21, *Azariah.*
[5] See 2 Kings xv. 2, 3.
[6] Or, *gave instruction*
[7] Heb. *the seeing.* Many ancient authorities have, *the fear.*

he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper.
And he went forth and warred against the 6
Philistines, and brake down the wall of Gath,
and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod;
and he built cities in *the country of* Ashdod, and
among the Philistines. And God helped him 7
against the Philistines, and against the Arabians
that dwelt in Gur-baal, and the Meunim. And 8
the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his
name spread abroad even to the entering in of
Egypt; for he waxed exceeding strong. More- 9
over Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the
corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the
turning *of the wall*, and fortified them. And 10
he built towers in the wilderness, and hewed
out many cisterns, for he had much cattle; in
the lowland also, and in the [1]plain: *and he had*
husbandmen and vinedressers in the mountains
and in [2]the fruitful fields; for he loved hus-
bandry. Moreover Uzziah had an army of 11
fighting men, that went out to war by bands,
according to the number of their reckoning
made by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the
officer, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the
king's captains. The whole number of the 12
heads of fathers' *houses*, even the mighty men
of valour, was two thousand and six hundred.
And under their hand was [3]a trained army, 13
three hundred thousand and seven thousand
and five hundred, that made war with mighty
power, to help the king against the enemy.
And Uzziah prepared for them, even for all the 14
host, shields, and spears, and helmets, and coats
of mail, and bows, and stones for slinging.
And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented 15
by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon
the [4]battlements, to shoot arrows and great
stones withal. And his name spread far abroad;

[1] Or, *table land*

[2] Or, *Carmel* See 1 Sam. xxv. 2.

[3] Or, *the power of an army*

[4] Or, *corner towers*

for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.

16 But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up [1]so that he did corruptly, and he trespassed against the LORD his God; for he went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the
17 altar of incense. And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of
18 the LORD, that were valiant men: and they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, It pertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honour from
19 the LORD God. Then Uzziah was wroth; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense; and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy [2]brake forth in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the
20 altar of incense. And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out quickly from thence; yea, himself hasted also to go out, because the LORD had
21 smitten him. [3]And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a [4]several house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the
22 land. Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz,
23 write. So Uzziah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the field of burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, He is a leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

27 1 [5]Jotham was twenty and five years old when

[1] Or, *to* his *destruction*

[2] Heb. *rose* (as the sun).

[3] See 2 Kings xv. 5–7.

[4] Or, *lazar house*

[5] See 2 Kings xv. 33, &c.

he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jerushah the daughter of Zadok. And he did 2
that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah had done: howbeit he entered not into the temple of the LORD. And the people did yet corruptly. He 3
built the upper gate of the house of the LORD, and on the wall of Ophel he built much. More- 4
over he built cities in the hill country of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers. He fought also with the king of the children of 5
Ammon, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year an hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand
[1] Heb. *cors.* [1]measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon render unto him, in the second year also, and in the third. So Jotham became mighty, because he ordered 6
his ways before the LORD his God. Now the 7
rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. He was five 8
and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And 9
Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

[2] See 2 Kings xvi. 2—4. [2]Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to 1 **28**
reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and he did not that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, like David his father: but he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, 2
and made also molten images for the Baalim. Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the 3
son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the

4 children of Israel. And he sacrificed and burnt
incense in the high places, and on the hills, and
5 under every green tree. Wherefore the LORD
his God delivered him into the hand of the king of
Syria; and they smote him, and carried away of
his a great multitude of captives, and brought
them to Damascus. And he was also delivered
into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote
6 him with a great slaughter. For Pekah the son of
Remaliah slew in Judah an hundred and twenty
thousand in one day, all of them valiant men;
because they had forsaken the LORD, the God
7 of their fathers. And Zichri, a mighty man of
Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and
Azrikam the ruler of the house, and Elkanah
8 that was [1]next to the king. And the children of [1] Heb. *second.*
Israel carried away captive of their brethren two
hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters,
and took also away much spoil from them, and
9 brought the spoil to Samaria. But a prophet of
the LORD was there, whose name was Oded:
and he went out to meet the host that came to
Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, because
the LORD, the God of your fathers, was wroth
with Judah, he hath delivered them into your
hand, and ye have slain them in a rage which
10 hath reached up unto heaven. And now ye
purpose to keep under the children of Judah and
Jerusalem for bondmen and bondwomen unto
you: *but* are there not even with you [2]trespasses [2] Heb.
11 of your own against the LORD your God? Now *guiltinesses.*
hear me therefore, and send back the captives,
which ye have taken captive of your brethren:
for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.
12 Then certain of the heads of the children of
Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah
the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son
of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood

up against them that came from the war, and 13
said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the
captives hither: for ye purpose that which will
[1] Or, *guilt* bring upon us [1]a trespass against the LORD, to
add unto our sins and to our [1]trespass: for our
[1]trespass is great, and there is fierce wrath
against Israel. So the armed men left the capt- 14
ives and the spoil before the princes and all the
congregation. And the men which have been 15
expressed by name rose up, and took the capt-
ives, and with the spoil clothed all that were
naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod
them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and
anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them
upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, the
city of palm trees, unto their brethren: then they
returned to Samaria.

[2] See 2 Kings xvi. 7, &c. [3] Many ancient authorities read, *king*. [4] Heb. *a captivity*. [2]At that time did king Ahaz send unto the 16
[3]kings of Assyria to help him. For again the 17
Edomites had come and smitten Judah, and
carried away [4]captives. The Philistines also had 18
invaded the cities of the lowland, and of the
South of Judah, and had taken Beth-shemesh,
and Aijalon, and Gederoth, and Soco with the
[5] Heb. *daughters*. [5]towns thereof, and Timnah with the [5]towns
thereof, Gimzo also and the [5]towns thereof:
and they dwelt there. For the LORD brought 19
Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for
[6] Or, *cast away restraint* he had [6]dealt wantonly in Judah, and trespassed
sore against the LORD. And Tilgath-pilneser 20
[7] Or, *against* king of Assyria came [7]unto him, and distressed
[8] Or, *prevailed not against him* him, but [8]strengthened him not. For Ahaz took 21
away a portion out of the house of the LORD,
and out of the house of the king and of the
princes, and gave it unto the king of Assyria:
[9] Or, *that he distressed him* but it helped him not. And in the time [9]of his 22
distress did he trespass yet more against the
LORD, this same king Ahaz. For he sacri- 23

ficed unto the gods of [1]Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria helped them, *therefore* will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were
24 the ruin of him, and of all Israel. And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD; and he made him altars in every
25 corner of Jerusalem. And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the
26 LORD, the God of his fathers. Now the rest of his acts, and all his ways, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of
27 Judah and Israel. And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem; for they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

[1] Heb. *Darmesek.*

**29** 1 [2]Hezekiah began to reign when he was five and twenty years old; and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Abijah the daughter of Zechariah.
2 And he did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that David his father
3 had done. He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house
4 of the LORD, and repaired them. And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the broad place
5 on the east, and said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites; now sanctify yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD, the God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy
6 place. For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the sight of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have

[2] See 2 Kings xviii. 1—3.

turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and turned their backs. Also they 7
have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place unto the God of Israel. Wherefore the wrath of the 8
LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he
[1] Or, *a terror* hath delivered them to be [1]tossed to and fro, to be an astonishment, and an hissing, as ye see with your eyes. For, lo, our fathers have fallen 9
by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this. Now it 10
is in mine heart to make a covenant with the LORD, the God of Israel, that his fierce anger may turn away from us. My sons, be not now 11
negligent: for the LORD hath chosen you to stand before him, to minister unto him, and that ye should be his ministers, and burn incense.

Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of 12
Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehallelel: and of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah: and of 13
the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeuel: and of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah: and of the sons of Heman, Jehuel and Shimei: 14
and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel. And they gathered their brethren, and 15
sanctified themselves, and went in, according to the commandment of the king by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD. And the priests went in unto the inner part of 16
the house of the LORD, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it, to carry

17 it out abroad to the brook Kidron. Now they
began on the first *day* of the first month to
sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month
came they to the porch of the LORD; and they
sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days:
and on the sixteenth day of the first month they
18 made an end. Then they went in to Hezekiah
the king within *the palace*, and said, We have
cleansed all the house of the LORD, and the altar
of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof,
and the table of shewbread, with all the vessels
19 thereof. Moreover all the vessels, which king
Ahaz in his reign did cast away when he tres-
passed, have we prepared and sanctified; and,
behold, they are before the altar of the LORD.
20 Then Hezekiah the king arose early, and
gathered the princes of the city, and went up to
21 the house of the LORD. And they brought seven
bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and
seven he-goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom
and for the sanctuary and for Judah. And he
commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to
22 offer them on the altar of the LORD. So they
killed the bullocks, and the priests received the
blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: and they
killed the rams, and sprinkled the blood upon the
altar: they killed also the lambs, and sprinkled
23 the blood upon the altar. And they brought
near the he-goats for the sin offering before the
king and the congregation; and they laid their
24 hands upon them: and the priests killed them,
and they made a sin offering with their blood
upon the altar, to make atonement for all Israel:
for the king commanded *that* the burnt offering
and the sin offering *should be made* for all Israel.
25 And he set the Levites in the house of the
LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with
harps, according to the commandment of David,

and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for the commandment was of the LORD by his prophets. And the Levites stood with 26
the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. And Hezekiah commanded to 27
offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began also, and the trumpets, together with the instruments of David king of Israel. And all the congregation worshipped, and the 28
singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all this *continued* until the burnt offering was finished. And when they had made an end of offering, 29
the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves and worshipped. Moreover 30
Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praises unto the LORD with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped. Then 31
Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have [1]consecrated yourselves unto the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a willing heart *brought* burnt offerings. And the number of the burnt 32
offerings, which the congregation brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, an hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these were for a burnt offering to the LORD. And the conse- 33
crated things were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep. But the priests were too few, 34
so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites did help them, till the work was ended, and until the priests had sanctified themselves: for the Levites were more upright in heart to sanctify them-

[1] Heb. *filled your hand.*

35 selves than the priests. And also the burnt
offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the
peace offerings, and with the drink offerings for
every burnt offering. So the service of the house
36 of the LORD was set in order. And Hezekiah
rejoiced, and all the people, because of that
which God had prepared for the people: for
the thing was done suddenly.

**30** 1 And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah,
and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh,
that they should come to the house of the LORD
at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto the
2 LORD, the God of Israel. For the king had
taken counsel, and his princes, and all the con-
gregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in
3 the second month. For they could not keep
it at that time, because the priests had not sanc-
tified themselves in sufficient number, neither
had the people gathered themselves together
4 to Jerusalem. And the thing was right in the
eyes of the king and of all the congregation.
5 So they established a decree to make proclam-
ation throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba
even to Dan, that they should come to keep
the passover unto the LORD, the God of Israel,
at Jerusalem: for they had not kept it [1]in great
6 numbers in such sort as it is written. So the
posts went with the letters from the king and
his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and
according to the commandment of the king,
saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto
the LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and
Israel, that he may return to the remnant that
are escaped of you out of the hand of the kings
7 of Assyria. And be not ye like your fathers,
and like your brethren, which trespassed against
the LORD, the God of their fathers, so that he
8 gave them up [2]to desolation, as ye see. Now

[1] Or, *of a long time*

[2] Or, *to be an astonishment*

be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were; but
[1] Heb. *give the hand.* [1]yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever, and serve the LORD your God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you. For if ye 9
turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that led them captive, and shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him. So the posts 10
passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them. Nevertheless divers of Asher and Manasseh 11
and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem. Also in Judah was the hand of 12
God to give them one heart, to do the commandment of the king and of the princes by the word of the LORD. And there assembled 13
at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation. And they arose and took 14
away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all
[2] Or, *vessels* the [2]altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kidron. Then they killed 15
the passover on the fourteenth *day* of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought burnt offerings into the house of the LORD. And they stood in their place after their order, 16
according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood, *which they received* of the hand of the Levites. For there 17
were many in the congregation that had not sanctified themselves: therefore the Levites had the charge of killing the passovers for every one that was not clean, to sanctify them unto

18 the LORD. For a multitude of the people, even
many of Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar and
Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did
they eat the passover otherwise than it is written.
For Hezekiah had prayed for them, saying,
19 The good LORD pardon [1]every one that setteth
his heart to seek God, the LORD, the God of
his fathers, though *he be* not *cleansed* according
20 to the purification of the sanctuary. And the
LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the
21 people. And the children of Israel that were
present at Jerusalem kept the feast of un-
leavened bread seven days with great gladness:
and the Levites and the priests praised the
LORD day by day, *singing* with loud instru-
22 ments unto the LORD. And Hezekiah spake
comfortably unto all the Levites that were well
skilled *in the service* of the LORD. So they did
eat throughout the feast for the seven days,
offering sacrifices of peace offerings, and [2]making
confession to the LORD, the God of their fathers.
23 And the whole congregation took counsel to
keep other seven days: and they kept *other*
24 seven days with gladness. For Hezekiah king
of Judah did give to the congregation for offer-
ings a thousand bullocks and seven thousand
sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation
a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep:
and a great number of priests sanctified them-
25 selves. And all the congregation of Judah, with
the priests and the Levites, and all the congreg-
ation that came out of Israel, and the strangers
that came out of the land of Israel, and that
26 dwelt in Judah, rejoiced. So there was great
joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon
the son of David king of Israel there was not
27 the like in Jerusalem. Then the priests the
Levites arose and blessed the people: and their

[1] Or, *him that setteth his whole heart*

[2] Or, *giving thanks*

voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy habitation, even unto heaven.

Now when all this was finished, all Israel 1 **31**
that were present went out to the cities of Judah,
[1] Or, *obelisks* and brake in pieces the [1]pillars, and hewed down
the Asherim, and brake down the high places
and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in
Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had
destroyed them all. Then all the children of
Israel returned, every man to his possession,
into their own cities. And Hezekiah appointed 2
the courses of the priests and the Levites after
their courses, every man according to his service,
both the priests and the Levites, for burnt offer-
ings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to
give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the
camp of the LORD. *He appointed* also the king's 3
portion of his substance for the burnt offerings,
*to wit*, for the morning and evening burnt offer-
ings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths,
and for the new moons, and for the set feasts,
as it is written in the law of the LORD. More- 4
over he commanded the people that dwelt in
Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and
[2] Heb. *be strong in.* the Levites, that they might [2]give themselves
to the law of the LORD. And as soon as the 5
commandment came abroad, the children of
Israel gave in abundance the firstfruits of corn,
wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase
of the field; and the tithe of all things brought
they in abundantly. And the children of Israel 6
and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah,
they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep,
and the tithe of dedicated things which were
consecrated unto the LORD their God, and laid
them by heaps. In the third month they began 7
to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished
them in the seventh month. And when Hez- 8

ekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD, and his people Israel.
9 Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and
10 the Levites concerning the heaps. And Azariah the chief priest, of the house of Zadok, answered him and said, Since *the people* began to bring the oblations into the house of the LORD, we have eaten and had enough, and have left plenty: for the LORD hath blessed his people; and that
11 which is left is this great store. Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house
12 of the LORD; and they prepared them. And they brought in the oblations and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully: and over them Conaniah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his
13 brother was second. And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, were overseers under the hand of Conaniah and Shimei his brother, by the appointment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah
14 the ruler of the house of God. And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the porter at the east *gate*, was over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of the LORD, and the
15 most holy things. And under him were Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in their [1]set office, to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great as to
16 the small: beside them that were reckoned by genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, even every one that entered into the house of the LORD, [2]as the duty of every day required, for their service in their charges ac-
17 cording to their courses; and them that were reckoned by genealogy of the priests by their fathers' houses, and the Levites from twenty

[1] Or, *trust*

[2] Or, *for his daily portion*

years old and upward, in their charges by their
[1] Or, *even* to give *to them &c.* courses; [1]and them that were reckoned by 18
genealogy of all their little ones, their wives,
and their sons, and their daughters, through all
[2] Or, *trust* the congregation: for in their [2]set office they
sanctified themselves in holiness: also for the 19
sons of Aaron the priests, which were in the
fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every
several city, there were men that were expressed
by name, to give portions to all the males among
the priests, and to all that were reckoned by
genealogy among the Levites. And thus did 20
Hezekiah throughout all Judah; and he wrought
[3] Heb. *faithfulness.* that which was good and right and [3]faithful
before the LORD his God. And in every work 21
that he began in the service of the house of
God, and in the law, and in the commandments,
to seek his God, he did it with all his heart,
and prospered.

[4] See 2 Kings xviii. 13, &c., Is. xxxvi. 1, &c. [4]After these things, and this faithfulness, 1 **32**
Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered
into Judah, and encamped against the fenced
[5] Heb. *to break them up.* cities, and thought [5]to win them for himself. And 2
when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come,
[6] Heb. *his face was to fight.* and that [6]he was purposed to fight against Jeru-
salem, he took counsel with his princes and his 3
mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains
which were without the city; and they helped
him. So there was gathered much people to- 4
gether, and they stopped all the fountains, and
the brook that flowed through the midst of the
land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria
[7] Or, *heightened the towers* Or, *went up upon the towers* The Vulgate has, *built towers thereon.* come, and find much water? And he took 5
courage, and built up all the wall that was
broken down, and [7]raised *it* up to the towers,
[8] Or, *another* and [8]the other wall without, and strengthened
Millo *in* the city of David, and made weapons
and shields in abundance. And he set captains 6

of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the broad place at the gate of the city, and spake comfortably to them, saying,
7 Be strong and of a good courage, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for [1]there is a
8 greater with us than with him: with him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

[1] Or, *there be more*

9 After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (now he was before Lachish, and all his power with him,) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah
10 that were at Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust,
11 that ye abide [2]the siege in Jerusalem? Doth not Hezekiah persuade you, to give you over to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The LORD our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the
12 king of Assyria? Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and upon it shall
13 ye burn incense? Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the peoples of the lands? Were the gods of the nations of the lands any ways able to deliver their land out
14 of mine hand? Who was there among all the gods of those nations which my fathers [3]utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to
15 deliver you out of mine hand? Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither believe ye him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the

[2] Or, *in the strong hold*

[3] Heb. *devoted.*

hand of my fathers: how much less shall your
[1] Or, *gods* [1]God deliver you out of mine hand? And his 16
servants spake yet more against the LORD God,
and against his servant Hezekiah. He wrote 17
[2] Or, *a letter* also [2]letters, to rail on the LORD, the God of
Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the
gods of the nations of the lands, which have not
delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall
not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out
of mine hand. And they cried with a loud voice 18
in the Jews' language unto the people of Jeru-
salem that were on the wall, to affright them,
and to trouble them; that they might take the
city. And they spake of the God of Jerusalem, 19
as of the gods of the peoples of the earth, which
are the work of men's hands. And Hezekiah 20
the king, and Isaiah the prophet the son of
Amoz, prayed because of this, and cried to
heaven. And the LORD sent an angel, which 21
cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the
leaders and captains, in the camp of the king of
Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to
his own land. And when he was come into the
house of his god, they that came forth of his
[3] Heb. *caused him to fall.* own bowels [3]slew him there with the sword.
Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabit- 22
ants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib
the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all
*other*, and guided them on every side. And 23
many brought gifts unto the LORD to Jerusalem,
and precious things to Hezekiah king of Judah:
so that he was exalted in the sight of all nations
from thenceforth.

[4] See 2 Kings xx. 1, &c., Is. xxxviii. 1, &c.
[5] Or, *wonder*

[4]In those days Hezekiah was sick even unto 24
death: and he prayed unto the LORD; and he
spake unto him, and gave him a [5]sign. But 25
Hezekiah rendered not again according to the
benefit done unto him; for his heart was lifted

up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and
26 upon Judah and Jerusalem. Notwithstanding
Hezekiah humbled himself for [1]the pride of his [1] Heb. *the lifting up.*
heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon
27 them in the days of Hezekiah. And Hezekiah
had exceeding much riches and honour: and he
provided him treasuries for silver, and for gold,
and for precious stones, and for spices, and for
shields, and for all manner of goodly vessels;
28 storehouses also for the increase of corn and
wine and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts,
29 and flocks in folds. Moreover he provided him
cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in
abundance: for God had given him very much
30 substance. This same Hezekiah also stopped
the upper spring of the waters of Gihon, and
brought them straight down on the west side of
the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in
31 all his works. Howbeit in *the business of* the
[2]ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent [2] Heb. *interpreters.*
unto him to inquire of the wonder that was done
in the land, God left him, to try him, that he
32 might know all that was in his heart. Now the
rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his good deeds,
behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah
the prophet the son of Amoz, in the book of the
33 kings of Judah and Israel. And Hezekiah slept
with his fathers, and they buried him in the
ascent of the sepulchres of the sons of David:
and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem
did him honour at his death. And Manasseh
his son reigned in his stead.

33 1 [3]Manasseh was twelve years old when he [3] See 2 Kings xxi. 1, &c.
began to reign; and he reigned fifty and five
2 years in Jerusalem. And he did that which was
evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abomina-
tions of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out

before the children of Israel. For he built 3
again the high places which Hezekiah his father
had broken down; and he reared up altars for
the Baalim, and made Asheroth, and worshipped
all the host of heaven, and served them. And 4
he built altars in the house of the LORD, where-
of the LORD said, In Jerusalem shall my name
be for ever. And he built altars for all the host 5
of heaven in the two courts of the house of the
LORD. He also made his children to pass 6
through the fire in the valley of the son of
Hinnom: and he practised augury, and used
enchantments, and practised sorcery, and dealt
with them that had familiar spirits, and with
wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of
the LORD, to provoke him to anger. And he 7
set the graven image of the idol, which he had
made, in the house of God, of which God said
to David and to Solomon his son, In this house,
and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of
all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for
ever: neither will I any more remove the foot 8
of Israel from off the land which I have ap-
pointed for your fathers; if only they will ob-
serve to do all that I have commanded them,
even all the law and the statutes and the ordin-
ances by the hand of Moses. And Manasseh 9
made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to
err, so that they did evil more than did the
nations, whom the LORD destroyed before the
children of Israel. And the LORD spake to 10
Manasseh, and to his people: but they gave no
heed. Wherefore the LORD brought upon them 11
the captains of the host of the king of Assyria,
which took Manasseh [1]in chains, and bound him
with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. And 12
when he was in distress, he besought the LORD
his God, and humbled himself greatly before the

[1] Or, *with hooks*

13 God of his fathers. And he prayed unto him; and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God.

14 Now after this he built an outer wall to the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate; and he compassed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height: and he put [1]valiant captains
15 in all the fenced cities of Judah. And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city.
16 And he [2]built up the altar of the LORD, and offered thereon sacrifices of peace offerings and of thanksgiving, and commanded Judah to serve
17 the LORD, the God of Israel. Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, but
18 only unto the LORD their God. Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD, the God of Israel, behold, they are written among the acts
19 of the kings of Israel. His prayer also, and how *God* was intreated of him, and all his sin and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up the Asherim and the graven images, before he humbled himself: behold, they are written in the history of [3]Hozai.
20 So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

21 [4]Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years in
22 Jerusalem. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as did Manasseh his

[1] Or, *captains of the army*

[2] According to another reading, *prepared*.

[3] Or, *the seers* So the Sept.

[4] See 2 Kings xxi. 19, &c.

father: and Amon sacrificed unto all the graven images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them. And he humbled not himself 23
before the LORD, as Manasseh his father had
[1] Or, *became guilty* humbled himself; but this same Amon [1]trespassed more and more. And his servants con- 24
spired against him, and put him to death in his own house. But the people of the land slew all 25
them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

[2] See 2 Kings xxii. 1, 2. [2]Josiah was eight years old when he began 1 **34**
to reign; and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And he did that which was right in 2
the eyes of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left. For in the eighth 3
year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the Asherim, and the graven images, and the molten images. And they brake down the 4
altars of the Baalim in his presence; and the sun-images, that were on high above them, he hewed down; and the Asherim, and the graven images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and strowed it upon the graves *of them* that had sacrificed unto them. And he burnt the bones of the priests 5
upon their altars, and purged Judah and Jerusalem. And *so did he* in the cities of Manasseh 6
and Ephraim and Simeon, even unto Naphtali,
[3] Or, as otherwise read, *with their axes* The text is probably corrupt. [3]in their ruins round about. And he brake down 7
the altars, and beat the Asherim and the graven images into powder, and hewed down all the sun-images throughout all the land of Israel, and returned to Jerusalem.

8 [1]Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the [2]recorder, to repair the house of the
9 LORD his God. And they came to Hilkiah the high priest, and delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites, the keepers of the [3]door, had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin, [4]and of the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
10 And they delivered it into the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the LORD; and [5]the workmen that wrought in the house of the LORD gave it to amend and repair
11 the house; even to the carpenters and to the builders gave they it, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to make beams for the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.
12 And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them were Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, [6]to set it forward: and *other of* the Levites, all
13 that could skill of instruments of music. Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and set forward all that did the work in every manner of service: and of the Levites there were scribes,
14 and officers, and porters. And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the book of the law of the LORD [7]given by
15 Moses. And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah
16 delivered the book to Shaphan. And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and moreover

[1] See 2 Kings xxii. 3, &c.
[2] Or, *chronicler*
[3] Heb. *threshold.*
[4] Another reading is, *and they returned to Jerusalem.*
[5] Or, *they gave it* to *the workmen &c.* See 2 Kings xxii. 5.
[6] Or, *to preside over it*
[7] Heb. *by the hand of.*

brought the king word again, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they do it. And 17
[1] Or, *poured out*
they have [1]emptied out the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and into the hand of the workmen. And Shaphan 18
the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read therein before the king. And it came to 19
pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes. And the king 20
commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of
[2] In 2 Kings xxii. 12, *Achbor the son of Micaiah.*
Shaphan, and [2]Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, Go ye, inquire of the LORD for me, 21
and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do according unto all that is written in this book. So Hilkiah, and 22
they whom the king *had commanded,* went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the
[3] In 2 Kings xxii. 14, *Tikvah.*
son of [3]Tokhath, the son of [4]Hasrah, keeper of
[4] In 2 Kings xxii. 14, *Harkas.*
the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in
[5] Heb. *Mishneh.*
the [5]second quarter;) and they spake to her to that effect. And she said unto them, Thus saith 23
the LORD, the God of Israel: Tell ye the man that sent you unto me, Thus saith the LORD, 24
Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah: because they 25
have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore is my wrath poured out upon this place, and it shall not be quenched. But unto the king of 26

Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: As touching the words which
27 thou hast heard, because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and hast humbled thyself before me, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith
28 the LORD. Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof. And they brought the king word again.

29 [1]Then the king sent and gathered together
30 all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. And the king went up to the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, both great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the
31 LORD. And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this
32 book. And he caused all that were found in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand *to it.* And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.
33 And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all that were found in Israel to serve, even to serve the LORD their God. All his days they departed

[1] See 2 Kings xxiii. 1, &c.

not from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

And Josiah kept a passover unto the LORD 1 **35**
in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on
the fourteenth *day* of the first month. And he 2
set the priests in their charges, and encouraged
them to the service of the house of the LORD.
And he said unto the Levites that taught all Is- 3
rael, which were holy unto the LORD, Put the holy
ark in the house which Solomon the son of David
king of Israel did build; there shall no more be
a burden upon your shoulders: now serve the
LORD your God, and his people Israel. And 4
prepare yourselves after your fathers' houses by
your courses, according to the writing of David
king of Israel, and according to the writing of
Solomon his son. And stand in the holy place 5
according to the divisions of the fathers' houses
of your brethren the children of the people,
[1] and *let there be for each* a portion of a fathers'
house of the Levites. And kill the passover, 6
and sanctify yourselves, and prepare for your
brethren, to do according to the word of the
LORD by the hand of Moses. And Josiah [2] gave 7
to the children of the people, of the flock, lambs
and kids, all of them for the passover offerings,
unto all that were present, to the number of
thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks:
these were of the king's substance. And his 8
princes gave [3] for a freewill offering unto the
people, to the priests, and to the Levites. Hil-
kiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, the rulers of the
house of God, gave unto the priests for the
passover offerings two thousand and six hundred
*small cattle*, and three hundred oxen. Conaniah 9
also, and Shemaiah and Nethanel, his brethren,
and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, the chiefs
of the Levites, gave unto the Levites for the

[1] Or, *and* according to *the distribution of each fathers' house*

[2] Or, *gave for offerings* and so in verses 8, 9. See ch. xxx. 24.

[3] Or, *willingly*

passover offerings five thousand *small cattle*, and
10 five hundred oxen. So the service was pre-
pared, and the priests stood in their place, and
the Levites by their courses, according to the
11 king's commandment. And they killed the
passover, and the priests sprinkled *the blood*,
*which they received* of their hand, and the Le-
12 vites flayed them. And they removed the burnt
offerings, that they might give them according
to the divisions of the fathers' houses of the
children of the people, to offer unto the LORD,
as it is written in the book of Moses. And so
13 did they with the oxen. And they roasted the
passover with fire according to the ordinance:
and the holy offerings sod they in pots, and in
caldrons, and in pans, and carried them quickly
14 to all the children of the people. And afterward
they prepared for themselves, and for the priests;
because the priests the sons of Aaron *were*
*busied* in offering the burnt offerings and the fat
until night: therefore the Levites prepared for
themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron.
15 And the singers the sons of Asaph were in their
place, according to the commandment of David,
and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's
seer; and the porters were at every gate: they
needed not to depart from their service, for their
16 brethren the Levites prepared for them. So
all the service of the LORD was prepared the
same day, to keep the passover, and to offer
burnt offerings upon the altar of the LORD,
according to the commandment of king Josiah.
17 And the children of Israel that were present
kept the passover at that time, and the feast of
18 unleavened bread seven days. And there was
no passover like to that kept in Israel from the
days of Samuel the prophet; neither did any of
the kings of Israel keep such a passover as

Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. In the eighteenth 19
year of the reign of Josiah was this passover kept.

[1] See 2 Kings xxiii. 29, 30.

[1]After all this, when Josiah had prepared the 20
temple, Neco king of Egypt went up to fight against Carchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him. But he sent ambassadors 21
to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? *I come* not against thee this day, but against the house wherewith I

[2] Or, *hath given command to speed me*

have war; and God [2]hath commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from *meddling with* God, who is with me, that he destroy thee not. Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face 22
from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Neco, from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo. And 23
the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Have me away; for I am sore wounded. So his servants took him out 24
of the chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had, and brought him to Jerusalem; and he died, and was buried in the sepulchres of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: 25
and all the singing men and singing women spake of Josiah in their lamentations, unto this day; and they made them an ordinance in Israel: and, behold, they are written in the lamentations. Now the rest of the acts 26
of Josiah, and his good deeds, according to that which is written in the law of the LORD, and his acts, first and last, behold, they are 27
written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

36 1 [1]Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz
the son of Josiah, and made him king in his
2 father's stead in Jerusalem. Joahaz was twenty
and three years old when he began to reign;
and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.
3 And the king of Egypt deposed him at Jeru-
salem, and amerced the land in an hundred
4 talents of silver and a talent of gold. And the
king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king
over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his
name to Jehoiakim. And Neco took Joahaz
his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

[1] See 2 Kings xxiii. 30, &c.

5 [2]Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old
when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven
years in Jerusalem: and he did that which was
6 evil in the sight of the LORD his God. Against
him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,
and bound him in fetters, to carry him to
7 Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the
vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon,
8 and put them in his [3]temple at Babylon. Now
the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abomi-
nations which he did, and that which was found
[4]in him, behold, they are written in the book
of the kings of Israel and Judah: and [5]Jehoia-
chin his son reigned in his stead.

[2] See 2 Kings xxiii. 36, 37.

[3] Or, *palace*

[4] Or, *against*

[5] In 1 Chr. iii. 16, *Jeconiah*. In Jer. xxii. 24, *Coniah*.

9 [6]Jehoiachin was [7]eight years old when he
began to reign; and he reigned three months
and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did that
10 which was evil in the sight of the LORD. And
[8]at the return of the year king Nebuchadnezzar
sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the
goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and
made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah
and Jerusalem.

[6] See 2 Kings xxiv. 8, &c.

[7] In 2 Kings xxiv. 8, *eighteen*.

[8] See 2 Sam. xi. 1.

11 [9]Zedekiah was twenty and one years old
when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven
12 years in Jerusalem: and he did that which

[9] See 2 Kings xxiv. 18, &c.

was evil in the sight of the LORD his God; he humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet *speaking* from the mouth of the LORD. And he also rebelled against king Nebu- 13
chadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and [1]hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD, the God of Israel. Moreover all the chiefs of the priests, 14
and the people, trespassed very greatly after all the abominations of the heathen; and they polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. And the LORD, the 15
God of their fathers, sent to them by his messengers, rising up early and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: but they mocked the mes- 16
sengers of God, and despised his words, and scoffed at his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no [2]remedy. Therefore he brought upon them the 17
king of the Chaldeans, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man or ancient: he gave them all into his hand. And all the vessels of the 18
house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon. And they burnt the house 19
of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. And 20
them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; and they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: to fulfil the word of the LORD 21
by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: *for* as long as she lay

[1] Heb. *strengthened.*

[2] Heb. *healing.*

desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

22 [1]Now in the first year of [2]Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying,

23 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD, the God of heaven, given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whosoever there is among you of all his people, the LORD his God be with him, and let him go up.

[1] See Ezra i. 1—3.
[2] Heb. *Coresh.*

# EZRA.

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Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD, the God of heaven, given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who- 3
soever there is among you of all his people, his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD, the God of Israel, [2](he is God,) which is in Jerusalem. And whosoever is left, in any 4
place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God which is in Jerusalem. Then rose up the heads of fathers' 5
*houses* of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, even all whose spirit God had stirred to go up to build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem. And all they that were 6
round about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all that was willingly offered. Also Cyrus the king 7
brought forth the vessels of the house of the

[2] Or, *he is the God which is in Jerusalem*

LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth
out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house
8 of his gods; even those did Cyrus king of Persia
bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the
treasurer, and numbered them unto Sheshbazzar,
9 the prince of Judah. And this is the number
of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand
10 chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives; thirty
bowls of gold, silver bowls of a second sort four
hundred and ten, and other vessels a thousand.
11 All the vessels of gold and of silver were five
thousand and four hundred. All these did Shesh-
bazzar bring up, when they of the captivity were
brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.

**2** 1 [1]Now these are the children of the province, [1] See Neh. vii. 6, &c.
that went up out of the captivity of those which
had been carried away, whom [2]Nebuchadnezzar [2] Heb. *Nebu-chadnezzor.*
the king of Babylon had carried away unto
Babylon, and that returned unto Jerusalem and
2 Judah, every one unto his city; which came with
Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, [3]Seraiah, [4]Ree- [3] In Neh. vii. 7, *Azariah.*
laiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, [5]Mispar, Bigvai, [6]Rehum, [4] In Neh. vii. 7, *Raamiah.*
Baanah. The number of the men of the
3 people of Israel: the children of Parosh, two [5] In Neh. vii. 7, *Misereth.*
4 thousand an hundred seventy and two. The [6] In Neh. vii. 7, *Nehum.*
children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy
5 and two. The children of Arah, seven hund-
6 red seventy and five. The children of Pahath-
moab, of the children of Jeshua *and* Joab, two
7 thousand eight hundred and twelve. The child-
ren of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and
8 four. The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty
9 and five. The children of Zaccai, seven hund-
10 red and threescore. The children of [7]Bani, six [7] In Neh. vii. 15, *Binnui.*
11 hundred forty and two. The children of Bebai,
12 six hundred twenty and three. The children
of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty and
13 two. The children of Adonikam, six hundred

sixty and six. The children of Bigvai, two 14
thousand fifty and six. The children of Adin, 15
four hundred fifty and four. The children of 16
Ater, of Hezekiah, ninety and eight. The child- 17
ren of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three.
The children of [1]Jorah, an hundred and twelve. 18
The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty 19
and three. The children of [2]Gibbar, ninety and 20
five. The children of Beth-lehem, an hundred 21
twenty and three. The men of Netophah, fifty 22
and six. The men of Anathoth, an hundred 23
twenty and eight. The children of [3]Azmaveth, 24
forty and two. The children of [4]Kiriath-arim, 25
Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and
forty and three. The children of Ramah and 26
Geba, six hundred twenty and one. The men 27
of Michmas, an hundred twenty and two. The 28
men of Beth-el and Ai, two hundred twenty
and three. The children of Nebo, fifty and 29
two. The children of Magbish, an hundred 30
fifty and six. The children of the other Elam, 31
a thousand two hundred fifty and four. The 32
children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.
The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven 33
hundred twenty and five. The children of 34
Jericho, three hundred forty and five. The 35
children of Senaah, three thousand and six hund-
red and thirty. The priests: the children of 36
Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred
seventy and three. The children of Immer, a 37
thousand fifty and two. The children of Pash- 38
hur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.
The children of Harim, a thousand and seven- 39
teen. The Levites: the children of Jeshua and 40
Kadmiel, of the children of [5]Hodaviah, seventy
and four. The singers: the children of Asaph, 41
an hundred twenty and eight. The children of 42
the porters: the children of Shallum, the children

[1] In Neh. vii. 24, *Hariph.*

[2] In Neh. vii. 25, *Gibeon.*

[3] In Neh. vii. 28, *Beth-azmaveth.*

[4] In Neh. vii. 29, *Kiriath-jearim.*

[5] In ch. iii. 9, *Judah.* In Neh. vii. 43, *Hodevah.*

of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, in all an hundred thirty and nine.
43 The Nethinim: the children of Ziha, the children
44 of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth; the children of Keros, the children of [1]Siaha, the child-
45 ren of Padon; the children of Lebanah, the
46 children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub; the children of Hagab, the children of [2]Shamlai, the
47 children of Hanan; the children of Giddel, the
48 children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah; the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the
49 children of Gazzam; the children of Uzza, the
50 children of Paseah, the children of Besai; the children of Asnah, the children of Meunim, the
51 children of [3]Nephisim; the children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Har-
52 hur; the children of [4]Bazluth, the children of
53 Mehida, the children of Harsha; the children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children
54 of Temah; the children of Neziah, the children
55 of Hatipha. The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of
56 [5]Hassophereth, the children of [6]Peruda; the children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the
57 children of Giddel; the children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth-
58 hazzebaim, the children of [7]Ami. All the Nethinim, and the children of Solomon's servants,
59 were three hundred ninety and two. And these were they which went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, [8]Addan, *and* Immer: but they could not shew their fathers' houses, and their
60 seed, whether they were of Israel: the children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty and two.
61 And of the children of the priests: the children of [9]Habaiah, the children of Hakkoz, the

[1] In Neh. vii. 47, *Sia.*
[2] In Neh. vii. 48, *Salmai.*
[3] Another reading is, *Nephusim.* In Neh. vii. 52, *Nephushesim.*
[4] In Neh. vii. 54, *Bazlith.*
[5] In Neh. vii. 57, *Sophereth.*
[6] In Neh. vii. 57, *Perida.*
[7] In Neh. vii. 59, *Amon.*
[8] In Neh. vii. 61, *Addon.*
[9] In Neh. vii. 63, *Hobaiah.*

children of Barzillai, which took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name. These sought their 62
register *among* those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore
[1] Heb. *they were polluted from the priesthood.* [2] Or, *governor*
[1]were they deemed polluted and put from the priesthood. And the [2]Tirshatha said unto them, 63
that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim. The whole congregation together 64
was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore, beside their menservants and their 65
maidservants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred singing men and singing women. Their horses were seven hundred 66
thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five; their camels, four hundred thirty and 67
five; *their* asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty. And some of the heads of fathers' 68
*houses*, when they came to the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem, offered willingly for the house of God to set it up in its place:
they gave after their ability into the treasury 69
of the work threescore and one thousand darics
[3] Heb. *maneh.*
of gold, and five thousand [3]pound of silver, and one hundred priests' garments. So the priests, 70
and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinim, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

[4] See Neh. vii. 73, viii. 1.
[4]And when the seventh month was come, and 1 3
the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. Then stood up Jeshua the son of 2
Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law

of Moses the man of God. And they set the
altar [1]upon its base; for fear was upon them
because of the people of the countries; and they
offered burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD,
even burnt offerings morning and evening. And
they kept the feast of tabernacles, as it is writ-
ten, and *offered* the daily burnt offerings by
number, according to the ordinance, as the duty
of every day required; and afterward the con-
tinual burnt offering, and *the offerings* of the new
moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD that
were consecrated, and of every one that willingly
offered a freewill offering unto the LORD. From
the first day of the seventh month began they
to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD: but the
foundation of the temple of the LORD was not
yet laid. They gave money also unto the
[2]masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and
drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them
of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to
the sea, unto Joppa, according to the grant that
they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

Now in the second year of their coming unto
the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second
month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel,
and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest of
their brethren the priests and the Levites, and
all they that were come out of the captivity unto
Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from
twenty years old and upward, to [3]have the over-
sight of the work of the house of the LORD.
Then stood Jeshua with his sons and his breth-
ren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of [4]Judah,
[5]together, to have the oversight of the workmen
in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, with
their sons and their brethren the Levites. And
when the builders laid the foundation of the
temple of the LORD, [6]they set the priests in their

[1] Or, *in its place*

[2] Or, *hewers*

[3] Or, *set forward the work*

[4] In ch. ii. 40, *Hodaviah.*

[5] Heb. *as one.*

[6] According to some MSS. and ancient versions, *the priests stood.*

apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the order of David king of Israel. And 11
they sang one to another in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD, *saying*, For he is good, for his mercy *endureth* for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. But 12
many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' *houses*, the old men that had seen [1]the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy: so that 13
the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

[1] Or, *the first house* standing *on its foundation, when this house was before their eyes*

Now when the adversaries of Judah and 1 4
Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded a temple unto the LORD, the God of Israel; then they drew near to Zerubbabel, and 2
to the heads of fathers' *houses*, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye do; [2]and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Esar-haddon king of Assyria, which brought us up hither. But Zerubbabel, 3
and Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of fathers' *houses* of Israel, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the LORD, the God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us. Then 4
the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and [3]troubled them in building, and hired counsellors against them, 5
to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius

[2] Another reading is, *yet we do no sacrifice since &c.*

[3] Or, *terrified*

6 king of Persia. And in the reign of [1]Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

7 And in the days of [2]Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of his companions, unto Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter was written in the [3]Syrian *character*, and set forth in the [3]Syrian
8 *tongue*. [4]Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to
9 Artaxerxes the king in this sort: then *wrote* Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions; the Dinaites, and the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Shushanchites, the Dehaites, the Elamites,
10 and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Osnappar brought over, and set in the city of Samaria, and in the rest *of the country*
11 beyond the river, and so forth. This is the copy of the letter that they sent unto Artaxerxes the king; Thy servants the men beyond the
12 river, and so forth. Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee are come to us unto Jerusalem; they are building the rebellious and the bad city, and have finished
13 the walls, and repaired the foundations. Be it known now unto the king, that, if this city be builded, and the walls finished, they will not pay tribute, custom, or toll, and in the end it will
14 endamage the kings. Now because we eat the salt of the palace, and it is not meet for us to see the king's dishonour, therefore have we
15 sent and certified the king; that search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and

[1] Or, *Xerxes* Heb. *Ahashverosh*.

[2] Heb. *Artahshashta*.

[3] Or, *Aramaic*

[4] Ch. iv. 8—vi. 18 is in Aramaic.

hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time: for which cause was this city laid waste.
We certify the king that, if this city be builded, 16
and the walls finished, by this means thou shalt have no portion beyond the river. *Then* sent 17
the king an answer unto Rehum the chancellor, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwell in Samaria, and
[1] Or, *unto the rest beyond &c.* [1]in the rest *of the country* beyond the river, Peace, and so forth. The letter which ye sent 18
[2] Or, *translated* unto us hath been [2]plainly read before me.
And I decreed, and search hath been made, 19
and it is found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been made therein.
There have been mighty kings also over Jeru- 20
salem, which have ruled over all *the country* beyond the river; and tribute, custom, and toll, was paid unto them.
Make ye now a decree to 21
cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until a decree shall be made by me.
And take heed that ye be not slack herein: 22
why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?
Then when the copy of king Ar- 23
taxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power.
Then 24
ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem; and it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Now the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and 1 **5**
Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem;
[3] Or, which was *upon them* in the name of the God of Israel [3]*prophesied they* unto them.
Then rose up Zerubbabel the 2
son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak,

and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem; and with them were the prophets of
3 God, helping them. At the same time came to them Tattenai, the governor beyond the river, and Shethar-bozenai, and their companions, and said thus unto them, Who gave you a decree to
4 build this house, and to finish this wall? [1]Then spake we unto them after this manner, What are the names of the men that make this build-
5 ing? But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, and they did not make them cease, till the matter should come to Darius, and then [2]answer should be returned by letter concerning it.

6 The copy of the letter that Tattenai, the governor beyond the river, and Shethar-bozenai, and his companions the Apharsachites, which were beyond the river, sent unto Darius the
7 king: they sent a letter unto him, wherein was written thus; Unto Darius the king, all peace.
8 Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judah, to the house of the great God, which is builded with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth on with
9 diligence and prospereth in their hands. Then asked we those elders, and said unto them thus, Who gave you a decree to build this house, and
10 to finish this wall? We asked them their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that were at the head of
11 them. And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of
12 Israel builded and finished. But [3]after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean,

[1] Or, *Then spake we unto them after this manner. What*, said they, *are the names of the men that make this building?* Or, according to some ancient versions, *Then spake they unto them &c.* See ver. 10.

[2] Or, *they returned answer*

[3] Or, *because that*

who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon. But in the first year of 13
Cyrus king of Babylon, Cyrus the king made a decree to build this house of God. And the 14
gold and silver vessels also of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto one whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor; and he said unto him, Take these vessels, go, 15
put them in the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be builded in its place. Then came the same Sheshbazzar, and 16
laid the foundations of the house of God which is in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now hath it been in building, and yet it is not completed. Now therefore, if it seem good to 17
the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure house, which is there at Babylon, whether it be so, that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

Then Darius the king made a decree, and 1 6
search was made in the house of the [1]archives, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon.
And there was found at [2]Achmetha, in the 2
palace that is in the province of Media, a roll, and therein was thus written for a record. In 3
the first year of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king made a decree; Concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, let the house be builded, the place where they offer sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubits; with three rows of 4

[1] Aram. *books.*

[2] That is, *Ecbatana.*

great stones, and [1]a row of new timber: and let the expenses be given out of the king's house: and also let the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, every one to its place, and thou shalt put them in the house of God. Now therefore, Tattenai, governor beyond the river, Shethar-bozenai, and [2]your companions the Apharsachites, which are beyond the river, be ye far from thence: let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in its place. Moreover I make a decree what ye shall do to these elders of the Jews for the building of this house of God: that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond the river, expenses be given with all diligence unto these men, that they be not hindered. And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for burnt offerings to the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the word of the priests which are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail: that they may offer sacrifices of sweet savour unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons. Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let a beam be pulled out from his house, and let him be lifted up and fastened thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this: and the God that hath caused his name to dwell there overthrow all kings and peoples, that shall put forth their hand to alter *the same*, to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have

[1] According to the Sept., *one row of timber.*

[2] Aram. *their.*

made a decree; let it be done with all diligence.

Then Tattenai, the governor beyond the river, Shethar-bozenai, and their companions, [1]because that Darius the king had sent, did accordingly with all diligence. And the elders of the Jews builded and prospered, through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the decree of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king. And the children of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy. And they offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he-goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses. 13 14 15 16 17 18

[1] Or, *because of that which &c.*

And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth *day* of the first month. For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves [2]together; all of them were pure: and they killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves. And the children of Israel, which were come again out of the captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD, the God 19 20 21

[2] Heb. *as one.*

22 of Israel, did eat, and kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the LORD had made them joyful, and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

7 1 Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, 2 the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son 3 of Ahitub, the son of Amariah, the son of 4 Azariah, the son of Meraioth, the son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, 5 the son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief 6 priest: this Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD, the God of Israel, had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God 7 upon him. And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinim, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh 8 year of Artaxerxes the king. And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the 9 seventh year of the king. For upon the first *day* of the first month [1]began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first *day* of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good 10 hand of his God upon him. For Ezra had set his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgements.

[1] Heb. *that was the foundation of the going up.*

11 Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, even the scribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of his statutes to

[1] Ch. vii. 12—26 is in Aramaic.

Israel. [1]Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra 12
the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of
heaven, perfect and so forth. I make a decree, 13
that all they of the people of Israel, and their
priests and the Levites, in my realm, which are
minded of their own free will to go to Jeru-
salem, go with thee. Forasmuch as thou art 14
[2] Aram. *from before the king.* sent [2]of the king and his seven counsellors, to
inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, accord-
ing to the law of thy God which is in thine
hand; and to carry the silver and gold, which 15
the king and his counsellors have freely offered
unto the God of Israel, whose habitation is in
Jerusalem, and all the silver and gold that thou 16
shalt find in all the province of Babylon, with
the freewill offering of the people, and of the
priests, offering willingly for the house of their
God which is in Jerusalem; therefore thou shalt 17
with all diligence buy with this money bullocks,
rams, lambs, with their meal offerings and their
drink offerings, and shalt offer them upon the
altar of the house of your God which is in Jeru-
salem. And whatsoever shall seem good to 18
thee and to thy brethren to do with the rest of
the silver and the gold, that do ye after the will
of your God. And the vessels that are given 19
thee for the service of the house of thy God,
deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem. And 20
whatsoever more shall be needful for the house
of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to
bestow, bestow it out of the king's treasure
house. And I, even I Artaxerxes the king, do 21
make a decree to all the treasurers which are
beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra the
priest, the scribe of the law of the God of
heaven, shall require of you, it be done with
all diligence, unto an hundred talents of silver, 22
[3] Aram. *cors.* and to an hundred [3]measures of wheat, and to an

hundred baths of wine, and to an hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much.
23 Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be done exactly for the house of the God of heaven; for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his
24 sons? Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, the singers, porters, Nethinim, or servants of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose tribute, custom,
25 or toll, upon them. And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God that is in thine hand, appoint magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that are beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and
26 teach ye him that knoweth them not. And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgement be executed upon him with all diligence, whether it be unto death, or to [1]banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

[1] Aram. *rooting out.*

27 Blessed be the LORD, the God of our fathers, which hath put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which
28 is in Jerusalem; and hath extended mercy unto me before the king, and his counsellors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was strengthened according to the hand of the LORD my God upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

8 1 Now these are the heads of their fathers' *houses*, and this is the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of
2 Artaxerxes the king. Of the sons of Phinehas, Gershom: of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel: of
3 the sons of David, Hattush. Of the sons of Shecaniah; of the sons of Parosh, Zechariah:

and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males an hundred and fifty. Of the sons of 4
Pahath-moab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerahiah;
and with him two hundred males. Of the sons 5
of Shecaniah, the son of Jahaziel; and with him
three hundred males. And of the sons of Adin, 6
Ebed the son of Jonathan; and with him fifty
males. And of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiah the 7
son of Athaliah; and with him seventy males.
And of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the 8
son of Michael; and with him fourscore males.
Of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel; 9
and with him two hundred and eighteen males.
And of the sons of Shelomith, the son of 10
Josiphiah; and with him an hundred and three-
score males. And of the sons of Bebai, 11
Zechariah the son of Bebai; and with him
twenty and eight males. And of the sons of 12
Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan; and
with him an hundred and ten males. And of 13
the sons of Adonikam, *that were* the last; and
these are their names, Eliphelet, Jeuel, and
Shemaiah, and with them threescore males.
And of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and [1]Zabbud; 14
and with them seventy males.

And I gathered them together to the river 15
that runneth to Ahava; and there we encamped
three days: and I viewed the people, and the
priests, and found there none of the sons of
Levi. Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for 16
Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and
for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah,
and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joiarib,
and for Elnathan, [2]which were teachers. And 17
[3]I sent them forth unto Iddo the chief at the
place Casiphia; and I told them what they should
say unto [4]Iddo, *and* his brethren the Nethinim,
at the place Casiphia, that they should bring unto

[1] Another reading is, *Zaccur.*

[2] Or, *which had understanding*

[3] Another reading is, *I gave them commandment.*

[4] The text as pointed has, *Iddo, his brother.*

18 us ministers for the house of our God. And
according to the good hand of our God upon
us they brought us [1]a man of discretion, of the
sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of
Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his
19 brethren, eighteen; and Hashabiah, and with
him Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren
20 and their sons, twenty; and of the Nethinim,
whom David and the princes had given for
the service of the Levites, two hundred and
twenty Nethinim: all of them were expressed
21 by name. Then I proclaimed a fast there, at
the river Ahava, that we might humble ourselves
before our God, to seek of him a straight way,
for us, and for our little ones, and for all our
22 substance. For I was ashamed to ask of the
king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help
us against the enemy in the way: because we
had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of
our God is upon all them that seek him, for
good; but his power and his wrath is against
23 all them that forsake him. So we fasted and
besought our God for this: and he was intreated
24 of us. Then I separated twelve of the chiefs
of the [2]priests, [3]even Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and
25 ten of their brethren with them, and weighed
unto them the silver, and the gold, and the
vessels, even the offering for the house of our
God, which the king, and his counsellors, and
his princes, and all Israel there present, had
26 offered: I even weighed into their hand six
hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver
vessels an hundred talents; of gold an hundred
27 talents; and twenty bowls of gold, of a thousand
darics; and two vessels of fine bright brass,
28 precious as gold. And I said unto them, Ye
are holy unto the LORD, and the vessels are
holy; and the silver and the gold are a free-

[1] Or, *Ish-sechel*

[2] In Neh. xii. 24, *Levites.*
[3] Or, *besides*

will offering unto the LORD, the God of your
fathers. Watch ye, and keep them, until ye 29
weigh them before the chiefs of the priests and
the Levites, and the princes of the fathers' *houses*
of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the
house of the LORD. So the priests and the 30
Levites received the weight of the silver and
the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to
Jerusalem unto the house of our God.

Then we departed from the river of Ahava 31
on the twelfth *day* of the first month, to go
unto Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was
upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of
the enemy and the lier in wait by the way.
And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there 32
three days. And on the fourth day was the 33
silver and the gold and the vessels weighed in
the house of our God [1]into the hand of Meremoth
the son of Uriah the priest; and with him was
Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them
was Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah
the son of Binnui, the Levites; the whole by 34
number and by weight: and all the weight
was written at that time. The children of the 35
captivity, which were come out of exile, offered
burnt offerings unto the God of Israel, twelve
bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six rams,
seventy and seven lambs, twelve he-goats for a
sin offering: all this was a burnt offering unto
the LORD. And they delivered the king's com- 36
missions unto the king's satraps, and to the
governors beyond the river: and they furthered
the people and the house of God.

Now when these things were done, the princes 1 9
drew near unto me, saying, The people of Israel,
and the priests and the Levites, have not separated
themselves from the peoples of the lands,
*doing* according to their abominations, even of

[1] Or, *by*

the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the
2 Egyptians, and the Amorites. For they have taken of their daughters for themselves and for their sons; so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the peoples of the lands: yea, the hand of the princes and [1]rulers
3 hath been [2]chief in this trespass. And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head
4 and of my beard, and sat down astonied. Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the trespass of them of the captivity; and I
5 sat astonied until the evening oblation. And at the evening oblation I arose up from my [3]humiliation, even with my garment and my mantle rent; and I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the LORD my God;
6 and I said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our
7 guiltiness is grown up unto the heavens. Since the days of our fathers we have been [4]exceeding guilty unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to spoiling, and to con-
8 fusion of face, as it is this day. And now for a little moment grace hath been shewed from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a [5]nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a
9 little reviving in our bondage. For we are bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to

[1] Or, *deputies*
[2] Or, *first*
[3] Or, *fasting*
[4] Heb. *in great guiltiness.*
[5] See Is. xxii. 23.

[1] Or, *waste places*
[2] Or, *fence*

repair the [1]ruins thereof, and to give us a [2]wall
in Judah and in Jerusalem. And now, O our 10
God, what shall we say after this? for we have
forsaken thy commandments, which thou hast 11
commanded by thy servants the prophets, say-
ing, The land, unto which ye go to possess it,
is an unclean land through the uncleanness of
the peoples of the lands, through their abomi-
nations, which have filled it from one end to
another with their filthiness. Now therefore 12
give not your daughters unto their sons, neither
take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek
their peace or their prosperity for ever: that ye
may be strong, and eat the good of the land,
and leave it for an inheritance to your children
for ever. And after all that is come upon us for 13
our evil deeds, and for our great guilt, seeing
that thou our God hast punished us less than
our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such a
remnant, shall we again break thy command- 14
ments, and join in affinity with the peoples that
do these abominations? wouldest not thou be
angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so
that there should be no remnant, nor any to
escape? O LORD, the God of Israel, thou art 15
righteous; for we are left a remnant that is
escaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before
thee in our guiltiness; for none can stand before
thee because of this.

**10** Now while Ezra prayed, and made con- 1
fession, weeping and casting himself down before
the house of God, there was gathered together
unto him out of Israel a very great congregation
of men and women and children: for the people
wept very sore. And Shecaniah the son of 2
Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and
said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our
God, and have married strange women of the

peoples of the land: yet now there is hope for
3 Israel concerning this thing. Now therefore let
us make a covenant with our God to put away
all the wives, and such as are born of them, ac-
cording to the counsel of [1]my lord, and of those
that tremble at the commandment of our God;
4 and let it be done according to the law. Arise;
for the matter belongeth unto thee, and we
are with thee: be of good courage, and do it.
5 Then arose Ezra, and made the chiefs of the
priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that
they would do according to this word. So
6 they sware. Then Ezra rose up from before
the house of God, and went into the chamber of
Jehohanan the son of Eliashib: [2]and *when* he
came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink
water: for he mourned because of the trespass
7 of them of the captivity. And they made
proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem
unto all the children of the captivity, that they
should gather themselves together unto Jeru-
8 salem; and that whosoever came not within
three days, according to the counsel of the
princes and the elders, all his substance should
be [3]forfeited, and himself separated from the
9 congregation of the captivity. Then all the
men of Judah and Benjamin gathered them-
selves together unto Jerusalem within the three
days; it was the ninth month, on the twentieth
*day* of the month: and all the people sat in the
broad place before the house of God, trembling
because of this matter, and for [4]the great rain.
10 And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto
them, Ye have trespassed, and have married
strange women, to increase the guilt of Israel.
11 Now therefore [5]make confession unto the LORD,
the God of your fathers, and do his pleasure:
and separate yourselves from the peoples of the

[1] Or, *the Lord*

[2] According to some ancient versions, *and he lodged there.*

[3] Heb. *devoted.*

[4] Heb. *the rains.*

[5] Or, *give thanks*

land, and from the strange women. Then all 12
the congregation answered and said with a loud
[1] Or, *As thou hast said, so it behoveth us to do*
voice, [1]As thou hast said concerning us, so must
we do. But the people are many, and it is a 13
time of much rain, and we are not able to stand
without, neither is this a work of one day or
two: for we have greatly transgressed in this
[2] Heb. *stand.*
matter. Let now our princes [2]be appointed for 14
all the congregation, and let all them that are
in our cities which have married strange women
come at appointed times, and with them the
elders of every city, and the judges thereof,
until the fierce wrath of our God be turned from
[3] Or, *as touching this matter*
us, [3]until this matter be despatched. Only Jona- 15
than the son of Asahel and Jahzeiah the son
[4] Or, *were appointed over this*
of Tikvah [4]stood up against this *matter*: and
Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped
them. And the children of the captivity did 16
so. And Ezra the priest, *with* certain heads of
fathers' *houses*, after their fathers' houses, and
all of them by their names, were separated; and
they sat down in the first day of the tenth month
to examine the matter. And they made an 17
end with all the men that had married strange
women by the first day of the first month.
And among the sons of the priests there were 18
found that had married strange women: *namely*,
of the sons of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak,
and his brethren, Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and
Jarib, and Gedaliah. And they gave their hand 19
that they would put away their wives; and
being guilty, *they offered* a ram of the flock
for their guilt. And of the sons of Immer; 20
Hanani and Zebadiah. And of the sons of 21
Harim; Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and
Jehiel, and Uzziah. And of the sons of Pash- 22
hur; Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel,
Jozabad, and Elasah. And of the Levites; 23

Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah (the same is
24 Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer. And
of the singers; Eliashib: and of the porters;
25 Shallum, and Telem, and Uri. And of Israel:
of the sons of Parosh; Ramiah, and Izziah,
and Malchijah, and Mijamin, and Eleazar, and
26 Malchijah, and Benaiah. And of the sons of
Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and
27 Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Elijah. And of the
sons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and
28 Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza. And of the
sons of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai,
29 Athlai. And of the sons of Bani; Meshullam,
Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, [1]Jere-
30 moth. And of the sons of Pahath-moab; Adna,
and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah,
31 Bezalel, and Binnui, and Manasseh. And *of*
the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Isshijah, Malchijah,
32 Shemaiah, Shimeon; Benjamin, Malluch, She-
33 mariah. Of the sons of Hashum; Mattenai,
Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh,
34 Shimei. Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, Amram,
35, 36 and Uel; Benaiah, Bedeiah, [2]Cheluhi; Vaniah,
37 Meremoth, Eliashib; Mattaniah, Mattenai, and
38, 39 [3]Jaasu; and Bani, and Binnui, Shimei; and
40 Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah; Mach-
41 nadebai, Shashai, Sharai; Azarel, and Shelemiah,
42, 43 Shemariah; Shallum, Amariah, Joseph. Of the
sons of Nebo; Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina,
44 [4]Iddo, and Joel, Benaiah. All these had taken
strange wives: and [5]some of them had wives by
whom they had children.

[1] Another reading is, *and Ramoth.*

[2] Another reading is, *Cheluhu.*

[3] Another reading is, *Jaasai.*

[4] Another reading is, *Jaddai.*

[5] Or, *some of the wives had borne children*

THE

# BOOK OF NEHEMIAH.

[1] Or, *history*

[2] See ch. ii. 1.

[3] Or, *castle*

1 THE [1]words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah. Now it came to pass in the month Chislev, [2]in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the [3]palace, that Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men out of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days; and I fasted and prayed before the God of heaven, and said, I beseech thee, O LORD, the God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments: let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee at this time, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, while I confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: yea, I and my father's house have sinned. We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgements, which thou

8 commandedst thy servant Moses. Remember,
I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst
thy servant Moses, saying, If ye trespass, I will
9 scatter you abroad among the peoples: but if ye
return unto me, and keep my commandments
and do them, though your outcasts were in the
uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather
them from thence, and will bring them unto the
place that I have chosen to cause my name to
10 dwell there. Now these are thy servants and
thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy
11 great power, and by thy strong hand. O Lord,
I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive
to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer
of thy servants, who delight to fear thy name:
and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day,
and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.
(Now I was cupbearer to the king.)

**2** 1 And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in
the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, when
wine was before him, that I took up the wine,
and gave it unto the king. Now I had not
2 been *beforetime* sad in his presence. And the
king said unto me, Why is thy countenance
sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing
else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very
3 sore afraid. And I said unto the king, Let the
king live for ever: why should not my counten-
ance be sad, when the city, the place of my
fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates
4 thereof are consumed with fire? Then the king
said unto me, For what dost thou make request?
5 So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I
said unto the king, If it please the king, and if
thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that
thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the
city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build
6 it. And the king said unto me, (the queen also

sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.
Moreover I said unto the king, If it please 7
the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may let me pass through till I come unto Judah;
and a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the 8
[1] Or, *park* king's [1]forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the castle which appertaineth to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.
Then I came to the governors beyond the 9
river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent with me captains of the army and horsemen. And when Sanballat 10
the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly, for that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel. So 11
I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.
And I arose in the night, I and some few men 12
with me; neither told I any man what my God put into my heart to do for Jerusalem: neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon. And I went out by night 13
by the valley gate, even toward the dragon's well, and to the dung gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire. Then 14
I went on to the fountain gate and to the king's pool: but there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass. Then went I up in the 15
night by the brook, and viewed the wall; and I turned back, and entered by the valley gate,
[2] Or, *deputies* and so returned. And the [2]rulers knew not 16

whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the [1]rulers, nor to the rest
17 that did the work. Then said I unto them, Ye see the evil case that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come and let us build up the wall of
18 Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. And I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also of the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened
19 their hands for the good *work*. But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? will ye
20 rebel against the king? Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

[1] Or, *deputies*

**3** 1 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of [2]Hammeah they sanctified it, unto the tower of Hananel.
2 And next unto him builded the men of Jericho. And next to [3]them builded Zaccur the son of
3 Imri. And the fish gate did the sons of Hassenaah build; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the bolts thereof, and
4 the bars thereof. And next unto them repaired Meremoth the son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz. And next unto them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabel. And next unto them repaired Zadok the son of Baana.
5 And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but

[2] Or, *The hundred*

[3] Heb. *him*.

their nobles put not their necks to the work of
[1] Or, *lords* Or, *Lord*
their [1]lord. And [2]the old gate repaired Joiada 6
[2] Or, *the gate of the old* city or, *of the old* wall
the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the bolts thereof, and the bars thereof. And next unto them repaired 7
Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, *which appertained* to the throne of the governor beyond the river. Next unto him repaired Uzziel the 8
son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths. And next unto
[3] Or, *perfumers*
him repaired Hananiah one of the [3]apothecaries,
[4] Or, *left*
and they [4]fortified Jerusalem even unto the broad wall. And next unto them repaired Rephaiah 9
the son of Hur, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem. And next unto them repaired Je- 10
daiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house. And next unto him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabneiah. Malchijah the 11
son of Harim, and Hasshub the son of Pahath-moab, repaired another portion, and the tower of the furnaces. And next unto him repaired 12
Shallum the son of Hallohesh, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.
The valley gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabit- 13
ants of Zanoah; they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the bolts thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits of the wall unto the dung gate. And the dung gate repaired 14
Malchijah the son of Rechab, the ruler of the district of Beth-haccherem; he built it, and set up the doors thereof, the bolts thereof, and the bars thereof. And the fountain gate repaired Shal- 15
lun the son of Col-hozeh, the ruler of the district of Mizpah; he built it, and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the bolts thereof, and the
[5] In Is. viii. 6, *Shiloah.*
bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of [5]Shelah by the king's garden, even unto the stairs that

16 go down from the city of David. After him repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of half the district of Beth-zur, unto the place over against the sepulchres of David, and unto the pool that was made, and unto the house
17 of the mighty men. After him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani. Next unto him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of half the
18 district of Keilah, for his district. After him repaired their brethren, Bavvai the son of Henadad, the ruler of half the district of Keilah.
19 And next to him repaired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, another portion, over against the going up to the armoury at the
20 turning *of the wall.* After him Baruch the son of [1]Zabbai earnestly repaired another portion, from the turning *of the wall* unto the door of
21 the house of Eliashib the high priest. After him repaired Meremoth the son of Uriah the son of Hakkoz another portion, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end
22 of the house of Eliashib. And after him repaired the priests, the men of the [2]Plain.
23 After [3]them repaired Benjamin and Hasshub over against their house. After [3]them repaired Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah
24 beside his own house. After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad another portion, from the house of Azariah unto the turning *of*
25 *the wall,* and unto the corner. Palal the son of Uzai *repaired* over against the turning *of the wall,* and [4]the tower that standeth out from the upper house of the king, which is by the court of the guard. After him [5]Pedaiah the son of
26 Parosh *repaired.* (Now the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel, unto the place over against the water gate toward the east, and the tower that standeth
27 out.) After him the Tekoites repaired another

[1] Another reading is, *Zaccai.*

[2] Or, *Circuit*

[3] Heb. *him.*

[4] Or, *the upper tower... from the house of the king*

[5] Or, *Pedaiah the son of Parosh (now ...Ophel)* repaired *unto &c.*

portion, over against the great tower that standeth out, and unto the wall of Ophel. Above 28
the horse gate repaired the priests, every one
[1] Heb. *him.* over against his own house. After [1]them repaired 29
Zadok the son of Immer over against his own
house. And after him repaired Shemaiah the
son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the east gate.
After him repaired Hananiah the son of 30
Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph,
another portion. After him repaired Meshullam
the son of Berechiah over against his chamber.
After him repaired Malchijah one of the gold- 31
smiths unto the house of the Nethinim, and of
the merchants, over against the gate of Ham-
[2] Or, *upper chamber* miphkad, and to the [2]ascent of the corner. And 32
between the [2]ascent of the corner and the sheep
gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

[Ch. iii. 33 in Heb.] But it came to pass that, when Sanballat 1 **4**
heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth,
and took great indignation, and mocked the
Jews. And he spake before his brethren and 2
the army of Samaria, and said, What do these
[3] Or, *will they leave to themselves* aught? Or, *will men let them alone?* feeble Jews? [3]will they fortify themselves? will
they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day?
will they revive the stones out of the heaps
of rubbish, seeing they are burned? Now 3
Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said,
[4] Or, *jackal* Even that which they build, if a [4]fox go up, he
shall break down their stone wall. Hear, O 4
our God; for we are despised: and turn back their
reproach upon their own head, and give them
up to spoiling in a land of captivity: and cover 5
not their iniquity, and let not their sin be
blotted out from before thee: for they have
provoked *thee* to anger before the builders. So 6
we built the wall; and all the wall was joined
together unto half *the height* thereof: for the
people had a mind to work.

7 But it came to pass that, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that [1]the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem went forward, *and* that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were
8 very wroth; and they conspired all of them together to come and fight against Jerusalem,
9 and to cause confusion therein. But we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.
10 And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish;
11 so that we are not able to build the wall. And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come into the midst of them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease.
12 And it came to pass that, when the Jews which dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times [2]from all places, Ye must return unto us.
13 Therefore set I in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in the open places, I even set the people after their families with their
14 swords, their spears, and their bows. And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the [3]rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons and your daughters, your
15 wives and your houses. And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every
16 one unto his work. And it came to pass from that time forth, that half of my servants wrought in the work, and half of them held the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the coats of mail; and the rulers were behind
17 [4]all the house of Judah. They that builded

[Ch. iv. 1 in Heb.]

[1] Heb. *healing went up upon the walls.*

[2] Or, *From all places whence ye shall return* they will be *upon us*

[3] Or, *deputies*

[4] Or, *all the house of Judah that builded the wall. And they that &c.*

the wall and they that bare burdens laded themselves, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other held his weapon; and the builders, every one had 18
his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.
[1] Or, *deputies* And I said unto the nobles, and to the [1]rulers 19
and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another: in what place soever 20
ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us; our God shall fight for us.
So we wrought in the work: and half of them 21
held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared. Likewise at the same 22
time said I unto the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and may labour in the day. So neither I, nor my brethren, 23
nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our
[2] The text is probably faulty. clothes, [2]every one *went with* his weapon *to* the water.

Then there arose a great cry of the people 1 **5**
and of their wives against their brethren the Jews. For there were that said, We, our sons 2
and our daughters, are many: let us get corn, that we may eat and live. Some also there 3
were that said, We are mortgaging our fields, and our vineyards, and our houses: let us get corn, because of the dearth. There were also 4
that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute *upon* our fields and our vineyards.
Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, 5
our children as their children: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought into bondage *already*: neither is it in our power

to help it; for other men have our fields and
6 our vineyards. And I was very angry when
7 I heard their cry and these words. Then I
consulted with myself, and contended with the
nobles and the [1]rulers, and said unto them, Ye [1] Or, *deputies*
exact usury, every one of his brother. And I
8 held a great assembly against them. And I
said unto them, We after our ability have [2]re- [2] Heb. *bought.*
deemed our brethren the Jews, which were sold
unto the heathen; and would ye even sell your
brethren, and should they be sold unto us? Then
held they their peace, and found never a word.
9 Also I said, The thing that ye do is not good:
ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God,
because of the reproach of the heathen our
10 enemies? And I likewise, my brethren and
my servants, do lend them money and corn on
usury. I pray you, let us leave off this usury.
11 Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day,
their fields, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and
their houses, also the hundredth part of the
money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil,
12 that ye exact of them. Then said they, We
will restore them, and will require nothing of
them; so will we do, even as thou sayest.
Then I called the priests, and took an oath of
them, that they should do according to this
13 promise. Also I shook out my lap, and said,
So God shake out every man from his house,
and from his labour, that performeth not this
promise; even thus be he shaken out, and
emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen,
and praised the LORD. And the people did
14 according to this promise. Moreover from the
time that I was appointed to be their governor
in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year
even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes
the king, *that is*, twelve years, I and my brethren

have not eaten the bread of the governor. But 15
the former governors that were before me [1]were
chargeable unto the people, and took of them
bread and wine, [2]beside forty shekels of silver;
yea, even their servants [3]bare rule over the
people: but so did not I, because of the fear
of God. Yea, also I [4]continued in the work of 16
this wall, neither bought we any land: and all
my servants were gathered thither unto the
work. Moreover there were at my table of the 17
Jews and the [5]rulers an hundred and fifty men,
beside those that came unto us from among
the heathen that were round about us. Now 18
that which was prepared for one day was one
ox and six choice sheep; also fowls were
prepared for me, and once in ten days store
of all sorts of wine: yet for all this I demanded
not the bread of the governor, because the
bondage was heavy upon this people. Re- 19
member unto me, O my God, for good, all that
I have done for this people.

Now it came to pass, when it was reported 1 6
to Sanballat and Tobiah, and to Geshem the
Arabian, and unto the rest of our enemies, that
I had builded the wall, and that there was no
breach left therein; (though even unto that
time I had not set up the doors in the gates;)
that Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, say- 2
ing, Come, let us meet together in *one of* the
villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought
to do me mischief. And I sent messengers 3
unto them, saying, I am doing a great work,
so that I cannot come down: why should the
work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to
you? And they sent unto me four times after 4
this sort; and I answered them after the same
manner. Then sent Sanballat his servant unto 5
me in like manner the fifth time with an open

[1] Or, *laid burdens upon*

[2] Or, *at the rate of* Or, *afterward*

[3] Or, *lorded over*

[4] Heb. *held fast to.*

[5] Or, *deputies*

6 letter in his hand; wherein was written, It is
reported among the nations, and [1]Gashmu saith
it, that thou and the Jews think to rebel; for
which cause thou buildest the wall: and thou
wouldest be their king, according to these words.
7 And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach
of thee at Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in
Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king
according to these words. Come now therefore,
8 and let us take counsel together. Then I sent
unto him, saying, There are no such things done
as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of
9 thine own heart. For they all would have
made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be
weakened from the work, that it be not done.
But now, [2]*O God*, strengthen thou my hands.
10 And I went unto the house of Shemaiah the
son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabel, who was
shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in
the house of God, within the temple, and let us
shut the doors of the temple: for they will come
to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to
11 slay thee. And I said, Should such a man as
I flee? and who is there, that, being such as I,
[3]would go into the temple to save his life? I
12 will not go in. And I discerned, and, lo, God
had not sent him: but he pronounced this
prophecy against me: and Tobiah and Sanballat
13 had hired him. For this cause was he hired,
that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin,
and that they might have matter for an evil
14 report, that they might reproach me. Remember, O my God, Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and also the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.
15 So the wall was finished in the twenty and
fifth *day* of *the month* Elul, in fifty and two days.

[1] In ver. 1, and elsewhere, *Geshem.*

[2] Or, *I will strengthen my hands*

[3] Or, *could go into the temple and live*

And it came to pass, when all our enemies 16
heard *thereof,* that all the heathen that were
about us [1]feared, and were much cast down
in their own eyes: for they perceived that
this work was wrought of our God. More- 17
over in those days the nobles of Judah sent
many letters unto Tobiah, and *the letters* of
Tobiah came unto them. For there were 18
many in Judah sworn unto him, because he
was the son in law of Shecaniah the son of
Arah; and his son Jehohanan had taken the
daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah
to wife. Also they spake of his good deeds 19
before me, and reported my words to him.
*And* Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, 1 **7**
and I had set up the doors, and the porters and
the singers and the Levites were appointed,
that I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah 2
the governor of the castle, charge over Jeru-
salem: for he was a faithful man, and feared
God above many. And I said unto them, Let 3
not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the
sun be hot; and while they stand *on guard,*
let them shut the doors, and bar ye them: and
appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
every one in his watch, and every one *to be*
over against his house. Now the city was wide 4
and large: but the people were few therein, and
the houses were not builded. And my God 5
put into my heart to gather together the nobles,
and the [2]rulers, and the people, that they might
be reckoned by genealogy. And I found the
book of the genealogy of them which came up
at the first, and I found written therein: [3]These 6
are the children of the province, that went up
out of the captivity of those that had been
carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of

[1] According to another reading, *saw.*

[2] Or, *deputies*

[3] See Ezra ii. 1, &c.

Babylon had carried away, and that returned unto Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto
7 his city; who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people
8 of Israel: the children of Parosh, two thousand
9 an hundred and seventy and two. The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.
10 The children of Arah, six hundred fifty and
11 two. The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and
12 eight hundred *and* eighteen. The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.
13 The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and
14 five. The children of Zaccai, seven hundred
15 and threescore. The children of Binnui, six
16 hundred forty and eight. The children of
17 Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight. The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred
18 twenty and two. The children of Adonikam,
19 six hundred threescore and seven. The children of Bigvai, two thousand threescore and seven.
20 The children of Adin, six hundred fifty and
21 five. The children of Ater, of Hezekiah, ninety
22 and eight. The children of Hashum, three
23 hundred twenty and eight. The children of
24 Bezai, three hundred twenty and four. The children of Hariph, an hundred and twelve.
25, 26 The children of Gibeon, ninety and five. The men of Beth-lehem and Netophah, an hundred
27 fourscore and eight. The men of Anathoth, an
28 hundred twenty and eight. The men of Beth-
29 azmaveth, forty and two. The men of Kiriath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred
30 forty and three. The men of Ramah and Geba,
31 six hundred twenty and one. The men of Michmas, an hundred and twenty and two.

The men of Beth-el and Ai, an hundred twenty 32
and three. The men of the other Nebo, fifty 33
and two. The children of the other Elam, a 34
thousand two hundred fifty and four. The 35
children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.
The children of Jericho, three hundred forty 36
and five. The children of Lod, Hadid, and 37
Ono, seven hundred twenty and one. The 38
children of Senaah, three thousand nine hund-
red and thirty. The priests: the children of 39
Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred
seventy and three. The children of Immer, a 40
thousand fifty and two. The children of Pash- 41
hur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.
The children of Harim, a thousand *and* seven- 42
teen. The Levites: the children of Jeshua, 43
of Kadmiel, of the children of [1]Hodevah, seventy
and four. The singers: the children of Asaph, 44
an hundred forty and eight. The porters: the 45
children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the
children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the
children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, an
hundred thirty and eight. The Nethinim: the 46
children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the
children of Tabbaoth; the children of Keros, 47
the children of Sia, the children of Padon; the 48
children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba,
the children of Salmai; the children of Hanan, 49
the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar;
the children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, 50
the children of Nekoda; the children of Gazzam, 51
the children of Uzza, the children of Paseah;
the children of Besai, the children of Meunim, 52
the children of [2]Nephushesim; the children of 53
Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children
of Harhur; the children of Bazlith, the children 54
of Mehida, the children of Harsha; the children 55
of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children

[1] Another reading is, *Hodeiah.*

[2] Another reading is, *Nephishesim.*

56 of Temah; the children of Neziah, the children
57 of Hatipha. The children of Solomon's servants:
the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth,
58 the children of Perida; the children of Jaala, the
children of Darkon, the children of Giddel;
59 the children of Shephatiah, the children of Hat-
til, the children of Pochereth-hazzebaim, the
60 children of Amon. All the Nethinim, and the
children of Solomon's servants, were three
61 hundred ninety and two. And these were they
which went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha,
Cherub, Addon, and Immer: but they could
not shew their fathers' houses, nor their seed,
62 whether they were of Israel: the children of
Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of
63 Nekoda, six hundred forty and two. And of
the priests: the children of Hobaiah, the children
of Hakkoz, the children of Barzillai, which took
a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite,
64 and was called after their name. These sought
their register *among* those that were reckoned
by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore
[1]were they deemed polluted and put from the
65 priesthood. And the [2]Tirshatha said unto them,
that they should not eat of the most holy things,
till there stood up a priest with Urim and
66 Thummim. The whole congregation together
was forty and two thousand three hundred and
67 threescore, beside their menservants and their
maidservants, of whom there were seven
thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and
they had two hundred forty and five singing
68 men and singing women. Their horses were
seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two
69 hundred forty and five; *their* camels, four hundred
thirty and five; *their* asses, six thousand seven
70 hundred and twenty. And some from among
the heads of fathers' *houses* gave unto the work.

[1] Heb. *they were polluted from the priesthood.*
[2] Or, *governor*

The Tirshatha gave to the treasury a thousand darics of gold, fifty basons, five hundred and thirty priests' garments. And some of the heads 71
of fathers' *houses* gave into the treasury of the work twenty thousand darics of gold, and two
[1] Heb. *maneh.* thousand and two hundred [1]pound of silver.
And that which the rest of the people gave was 72
twenty thousand darics of gold, and two thousand pound of silver, and threescore and seven priests' garments. So the priests, and the 73
Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nethinim, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities.

[2] See Ezra iii. 1. [2]And when the seventh month was come, the children of Israel were in their cities. And all 1 8
the people gathered themselves together as one man into the broad place that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel.
And Ezra the priest brought the law before 2
the congregation, both men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. And he 3
read therein before the broad place that was
[3] Heb. *from the light.* before the water gate [3]from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women, and of those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were *attentive* unto the book of the law. And Ezra the scribe 4
[4] Heb. *tower.* stood upon a [4]pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Uriah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchijah, and Hashum, and Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, *and* Meshullam. And Ezra opened 5
the book in the sight of all the people; (for he

was above all the people;) and when he opened
6 it, all the people stood up: and Ezra blessed the
LORD, the great God. And all the people
answered, Amen, Amen, with the lifting up of
their hands: and they bowed their heads, and
worshipped the LORD with their faces to the
7 ground. Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah,
Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah,
Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and
the Levites, caused the people to understand
the law: and the people *stood* in their place.
8 And they read in the book, in the law of God,
[1]distinctly; and they gave the sense, [2]so that
9 they understood the reading. And Nehemiah,
which was the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest
the scribe, and the Levites that taught the
people, said unto all the people, This day is
holy unto the LORD your God; mourn not, nor
weep. For all the people wept, when they
10 heard the words of the law. Then he said
unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and
drink the sweet, and send portions unto him
for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is
holy unto our Lord: neither be ye grieved; for
11 the joy of the LORD is your [3]strength. So the
Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your
peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved.
12 And all the people went their way to eat, and
to drink, and to send portions, and to make
great mirth, because they had understood the
words that were declared unto them.

13 And on the second day were gathered together
the heads of fathers' *houses* of all the people, the
priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe,
even to give attention to the words of the law.
14 And they found written in the law, how that
the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the
children of Israel should dwell in booths in the

[1] Or, *with an interpretation*
[2] Or, *and caused* them *to understand*
[3] Or, *strong hold*

feast of the seventh month: and that they 15
should publish and proclaim in all their cities,
and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the
mount, and fetch olive branches, and branches
of wild olive, and myrtle branches, and palm
branches, and branches of thick trees, to make
booths, as it is written. So the people went 16
forth, and brought them, and made themselves
booths, every one upon the roof of his house,
and in their courts, and in the courts of the
house of God, and in the broad place of the
water gate, and in the broad place of the gate
of Ephraim. And all the congregation of them 17
that were come again out of the captivity made
booths, and dwelt in the booths: for since the
days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day
had not the children of Israel done so. And
there was very great gladness. Also day by 18
day, from the first day unto the last day, he
read in the book of the law of God. And they
kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth
day was a [1]solemn assembly, according unto the
ordinance.

[1] Or, *closing festival*

Now in the twenty and fourth day of this 1 9
month the children of Israel were assembled
with fasting, and with sackcloth, and earth upon
them. And the seed of Israel separated them- 2
selves from all strangers, and stood and con-
fessed their sins, and the iniquities of their
fathers. And they stood up in their place, and 3
read in the book of the law of the LORD their
God a fourth part of the day; and *another*
fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the
LORD their God. Then stood up upon the 4
stairs of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kad-
miel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, *and*
Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto the
LORD their God. Then the Levites, Jeshua, 5

and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, *and* Pethahiah, said, Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting: and [1]blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and
6 praise. Thou art the LORD, even thou alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all things that are thereon, the seas and all that is in them, and thou preservest them all; and the host of
7 heaven worshippeth thee. Thou art [2]the LORD the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and
8 gavest him the name of Abraham; and foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite, and the Girgashite, even to give it unto his seed, and hast performed thy words;
9 for thou art righteous. And thou sawest the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest
10 their cry by the Red Sea; and shewedst signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land; for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them; and didst get thee a name, as it is this day.
11 And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their pursuers thou didst cast into the depths, as a stone into the mighty
12 waters. Moreover thou leddest them in a pillar of cloud by day; and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light in the way wherein they
13 should go. Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgements and true laws,
14 good statutes and commandments: and madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and com-

[1] Or, *let them bless*

[2] Or, *O* LORD

mandedst them commandments, and statutes, and a law, by the hand of Moses thy servant:
and gavest them bread from heaven for their 15
hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and commandedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst lifted up thine hand to give them. But they and our fathers dealt 16
proudly, and hardened their neck, and hearkened not to thy commandments, and refused to obey, 17
neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their neck,
[1]and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art [2]a God ready to pardon, gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy, and
forsookest them not. Yea, when they had 18
made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations; yet thou in 19
thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of cloud departed not from over them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should
go. Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct 20
them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst.
Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in 21
the wilderness, *and* they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not. Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms 22
and peoples, [3]which thou didst allot after their portions: so they possessed the land of Sihon, even the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan. Their children 23
also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, concerning

[1] The Sept. has, *and appointed a captain to return to their bondage in Egypt.* See Num. xiv. 4.
[2] Heb. *a God of forgivenesses.*
[3] Or, *and didst distribute them into* every *corner*

which thou didst say to their fathers, that they
24 should go in to possess it. So the children
went in and possessed the land, and thou sub-
duedst before them the inhabitants of the land,
the Canaanites, and gavest them into their
hands, with their kings, and the peoples of the
land, that they might do with them as they
25 would. And they took fenced cities, and a fat
land, and possessed houses full of all good
things, cisterns hewn out, vineyards, and olive-
yards, and fruit trees in abundance: so they
did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and
delighted themselves in thy great goodness.
26 Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled
against thee, and cast thy law behind their back,
and slew thy prophets which testified against
them to turn them again unto thee, and they
27 wrought great provocations. Therefore thou
deliveredst them into the hand of their adver-
saries, who distressed them: and in the time of
their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou
heardest from heaven; and according to thy
manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours
who saved them out of the hand of their
28 adversaries. But after they had rest, they did
evil again before thee: therefore leftest thou
them in the hand of their enemies, so that they
had the dominion over them: yet when they
returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest
from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver
29 them according to thy mercies; and testifiedst
against them, that thou mightest bring them
again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and
hearkened not unto thy commandments, but
sinned against thy judgements, (which if a man
do, he shall live in them,) and [1]withdrew the
shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would
30 not hear. Yet many years didst thou bear with

[1] Heb. *they gave a stubborn shoulder.*

them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit through thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. Nevertheless 31
in thy manifold mercies thou didst not make a full end of them, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful God. Now therefore, 32
our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all the travail seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day. How- 33
beit thou art just in all that is come upon us; for thou hast dealt truly, but we have done wickedly: neither have our kings, our princes, 34
our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against them. For they have not served thee in their 35
kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works. Behold, we 36
are servants this day, and as for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we are servants in it. And it yieldeth much increase 37
unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have power over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress. And 38
[1]yet for all this we make a [2]sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, our Levites, *and* our priests, [3]seal unto it.

[Ch. x. 1 in Heb.]
[1] Or, *because of*
[2] Or, *faithful*
[3] Heb. *are at the sealing.*

Now those that sealed were, Nehemiah the 1 **10**
Tirshatha, the son of Hacaliah, and Zedekiah;

2, 3 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah; Pashhur, Amariah,
4, 5 Malchijah; Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch; Harim,
6 Meremoth, Obadiah; Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch;
7, 8 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin; Maaziah, Bilgai,
9 Shemaiah: these were the priests. And the
Levites: namely, Jeshua the son of Azaniah,
10 Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel; and
their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita,
11 Pelaiah, Hanan; Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah;
12, 13 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah; Hodiah, Bani,
14 Beninu. The chiefs of the people: Parosh,
15 Pahath-moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani; Bunni, Azgad,
16, 17 Bebai; Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin; Ater, Hezekiah,
18, 19 Azzur; Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai; Hariph,
20 Anathoth, [1]Nobai; Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir;
21, 22 Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua; Pelatiah, Hanan,
23, 24 Anaiah; Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub; Hallohesh,
25 Pilha, Shobek; Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah;
26, 27 and Ahiah, Hanan, Anan; Malluch, Harim,
28 Baanah. And the rest of the people, the
priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers,
the Nethinim, and all they that had separated
themselves from the peoples of the lands unto
the law of God, their wives, their sons, and
their daughters, every one that had knowledge
29 and understanding; they clave to their brethren,
their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into
an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given
by Moses the servant of God, and to observe
and do all the commandments of the LORD our
30 Lord, and his judgements and his statutes; and
that we would not give our daughters unto the
peoples of the land, nor take their daughters
31 for our sons: and if the peoples of the land
bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day
to sell, that we would not buy of them on the
sabbath, or on a holy day: and that we would
forgo the [2]seventh year, and the [3]exaction of

[1] Another reading is, *Nebai.*

[2] See Ex. xxiii. 10, 11.

[3] See Deut. xv. 1, 2.

every debt. Also we made ordinances for us, 32
to charge ourselves yearly with the third part
of a shekel for the service of the house of our
God; for the shewbread, and for the continual 33
meal offering, and for the continual burnt offer-
ing, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the
set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the
sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and
for all the work of the house of our God.
And we cast lots, the priests, the Levites, and 34
the people, for the wood offering, to bring it
into the house of our God, according to our
fathers' houses, at times appointed, year by
year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our
God, as it is written in the law: and to bring 35
the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits
of all fruit of all manner of trees, year by year,
unto the house of the LORD: also the firstborn 36
of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in
the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of
our flocks, to bring to the house of our God,
unto the priests that minister in the house of
our God: and that we should bring the first- 37
fruits of our [1]dough, and our heave offerings,
and the fruit of all manner of trees, [2]the wine
and the oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of
the house of our God; and the tithes of our
ground unto the Levites; for they, the Levites,
take the tithes in all the cities of our tillage.
And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with 38
the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and
the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes
unto the house of our God, to the chambers,
into the treasure house. For the children of 39
Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the
heave offering of the corn, of [2]the wine, and
of the oil, unto the chambers, where are the
vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that

[1] Or, *coarse meal*
[2] Or, *the vintage*

minister, and the porters, and the singers: and
we will not forsake the house of our God.

**11** 1 And the princes of the people dwelt in
Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots,
to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem
the holy city, and nine parts in the *other* cities.
2 And the people blessed all the men that will-
ingly offered themselves to dwell in Jerusalem.
3 [1]Now these are the chiefs of the province that [1] See 1 Chr.
dwelt in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah ix. 2, &c.
dwelt every one in his possession in their cities,
*to wit*, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and
the Nethinim, and the children of Solomon's
4 servants. And in Jerusalem dwelt certain of
the children of Judah, and of the children of
Benjamin. Of the children of Judah: Athaiah
the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son
of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of
5 Mahalalel, of the children of Perez; and Maase-
iah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-hozeh, the
son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of
Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of the
6 Shilonite. All the sons of Perez that dwelt in
Jerusalem were four hundred threescore and
7 eight valiant men. And these are the sons of
Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son
of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah,
the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son
8 of Jeshaiah. And after him Gabbai, Sallai,
9 nine hundred twenty and eight. And Joel the
son of Zichri was their overseer: and Judah
the son of Hassenuah was second over the city.
10 Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin,
11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshul-
lam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the
son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God,
12 and their brethren that did the work of the
house, eight hundred twenty and two: and

Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah,
the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son
of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, and his breth- 13
ren, chiefs of fathers' *houses*, two hundred forty
and two: and Amashsai the son of Azarel, the
son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son
of Immer, and their brethren, mighty men of 14
valour, an hundred twenty and eight: and their
overseer was Zabdiel, [1]the son of Haggedolim.
And of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Has- 15
shub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah,
the son of Bunni; and Shabbethai and Jozabad, 16
of the chiefs of the Levites, who had the
oversight of the outward business of the house
of God; and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the 17
son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, who was the
chief to begin the thanksgiving in prayer, and
Bakbukiah, the second among his brethren;
and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of
Galal, the son of Jeduthun. All the Levites in 18
the holy city were two hundred fourscore and
four. Moreover the porters, Akkub, Talmon, 19
and their brethren, that kept watch at the gates,
were an hundred seventy and two. And the 20
residue of Israel, of the priests, the Levites, were
in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inherit-
ance. But the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel: and 21
Ziha and Gishpa were over the Nethinim. The 22
overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was
Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the
son of Mattaniah, the son of Mica, of the sons
of Asaph, the singers, over the business of the
house of God. For there was a commandment 23
from the king concerning them, and [2]a settled
provision for the singers, as every day required.
And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the 24
children of Zerah the son of Judah, was at the
king's hand in all matters concerning the people.

[1] Or, *one of the great men*

[2] Or, *a sure ordinance concerning*

25 And for the villages, with their fields, some of
the children of Judah dwelt in Kiriath-arba
and the [1]towns thereof, and in Dibon and the
[1]towns thereof, and in Jekabzeel and the villages
26 thereof; and in Jeshua, and in Moladah, and
27 Beth-pelet; and in Hazar-shual, and in Beer-
28 sheba and the [1]towns thereof; and in Ziklag,
and in Meconah and in the [1]towns thereof;
29 and in En-rimmon, and in Zorah, and in Jar-
30 muth; Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages, La-
chish and the fields thereof, Azekah and the
[1]towns thereof. So they encamped from Beer-
31 sheba unto the valley of Hinnom. The children
of Benjamin also *dwelt* from Geba *onward,* at
Michmash and Aija, and at Beth-el and the
32 [1]towns thereof; at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah;
33, 34 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim; Hadid, Zeboim, Ne-
35 ballat; Lod, and Ono, [2]the valley of craftsmen.
36 And of the Levites, certain courses in Judah
*were joined* to Benjamin.

[1] Heb. *daughters.*

[2] Or, *Ge-haharashim* See 1 Chr. iv. 14.

**12** 1 Now these are the priests and the Levites that
went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel,
2 and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra; Amariah,
3 Malluch, Hattush; Shecaniah, Rehum, Mere-
4, 5 moth; Iddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah; Mijamin, Ma-
6 adiah, Bilgah; Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah;
7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah. These were the
chiefs of the priests and of their brethren in the
8 days of Jeshua. Moreover the Levites: Jeshua,
Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, *and* Mat-
taniah, which was over [3]the thanksgiving, he
9 and his brethren. Also Bakbukiah and Unno,
their brethren, were over against them in wards.
10 And Jeshua begat Joiakim, and Joiakim begat
11 Eliashib, and Eliashib begat Joiada, and Joiada
begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua.
12 And in the days of Joiakim were priests,
heads of fathers' *houses*: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of

[3] Or, *the choirs*

Jeremiah, Hananiah; of Ezra, Meshullam; of 13
Amariah, Jehohanan; of [1]Malluchi, Jonathan; of 14
Shebaniah, Joseph; of Harim, Adna; of Merai- 15
oth, Helkai; of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, 16
Meshullam; of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of 17
Moadiah, Piltai; of Bilgah, Shammua; of She- 18
maiah, Jehonathan; and of Joiarib, Mattenai; 19
of Jedaiah, Uzzi; of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, 20
Eber; of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, 21
Nethanel. The Levites in the days of Eliashib, 22
Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, were recorded
heads of fathers' *houses*: also the priests, [2]in the
reign of Darius the Persian. The sons of Levi, 23
heads of fathers' *houses*, were written in the book
of the chronicles, even until the days of Johanan
the son of Eliashib. And the chiefs of the 24
Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the
son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against
them, to praise and give thanks, according to
the commandment of David the man of God,
ward against ward. Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, 25
Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, were
porters keeping the ward at the storehouses of
the gates. These were in the days of Joiakim 26
the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the
days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra
the priest the scribe.

And at the dedication of the wall of Jeru- 27
salem they sought the Levites out of all their
places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the
dedication with gladness, both with thanks-
givings, and with singing, with cymbals, psal-
teries, and with harps. And the sons of the 28
singers gathered themselves together, both out
of the [3]plain round about Jerusalem, and from
the villages of the Netophathites; also from 29
Beth-gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and
Azmaveth: for the singers had builded them

[1] Another reading is, *Melicu*.

[2] Or, *to*

[3] Or, *Circuit*

30 villages round about Jerusalem. And the priests
and the Levites purified themselves; and they
purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.
31 Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon
the wall, and appointed two great companies
that gave thanks and went in procession;
*whereof one went* on the right hand upon the
32 wall toward the dung gate: and after them went
Hoshaiah, and half of the princes of Judah,
33, 34 and Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam, Judah, and
35 Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah, and
certain of the priests' sons with trumpets: Zech-
ariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah,
the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micaiah, the
36 son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph; and his breth-
ren, Shemaiah, and Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai,
Maai, Nethanel, and Judah, Hanani, with the
musical instruments of David the man of God;
37 and Ezra the scribe was before them: and by
the fountain gate, and straight before them,
they went up by the stairs of the city of David,
at the going up of the wall, above the house
of David, even unto the water gate eastward.
38 And the other company of them that gave thanks
went to meet them, and I after them, with the
half of the people, upon the wall, above the
tower of the furnaces, even unto the broad wall;
39 and above the gate of Ephraim, and by the old
gate, and by the fish gate, and the tower of
Hananel, and the tower of [1]Hammeah, even
unto the sheep gate: and they stood still in the
40 gate of the guard. So stood the two com-
panies of them that gave thanks in the house
of God, and I, and the half of the [2]rulers with
41 me: and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Minia-
min, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah,
42 with trumpets; and Maaseiah, and Shemaiah,
and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Mal-

[1] Or, *The hundred*

[2] Or, *deputies*

chijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer. And 43
they offered great sacrifices that day, and rejoiced; for God had made them rejoice with great joy; and the women also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

And on that day were men appointed over 44
the chambers for the treasures, for the heave offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them, according to the fields of the cities, the portions [1]appointed by the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that [2]waited. And they kept the ward of their God, and the 45
ward of the purification, and *so did* the singers and the porters, according to the commandment of David, and of Solomon his son. For in the 46
days of David and Asaph of old [3]there was a chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God. And all Israel in the 47
days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, as every day required: and they sanctified for the Levites; and the Levites sanctified for the sons of Aaron.

On that day they read in the book of Moses 1 **13**
in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that an Ammonite and a Moabite should not enter into the assembly of God for ever; because they met not the children of 2
Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, to curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing. And 3
it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

Now before this, Eliashib the priest, who 4

[1] Heb. *of the law.*

[2] Heb. *stood.*

[3] Another reading is, *there were chiefs.*

was appointed over the [1]chambers of the house
5 of our God, being allied unto Tobiah, had
prepared for him a great chamber, where afore-
time they laid the meal offerings, the frankin-
cense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the
corn, the wine, and the oil, which were given
by commandment to the Levites, and the
singers, and the porters; and the heave offerings
6 for the priests. But in all this *time* I was not
at Jerusalem: for in the two and thirtieth year
of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I went unto the
king, and after certain days asked I leave of the
7 king: and I came to Jerusalem, and understood
of the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah,
in preparing him a chamber in the courts of
8 the house of God. And it grieved me sore:
therefore I cast forth all the household stuff
9 of Tobiah out of the chamber. Then I com-
manded, and they cleansed the chambers: and
thither brought I again the vessels of the house
of God, with the meal offerings and the frank-
10 incense. And I perceived that the portions
of the Levites had not been given them; so
that the Levites and the singers, that did the
11 work, were fled every one to his field. Then
contended I with the [2]rulers, and said, Why is
the house of God forsaken? And I gathered
them together, and set them in their place.
12 Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn
and the wine and the oil unto the treasuries.
13 And I made treasurers over the treasuries,
Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and
of the Levites, Pedaiah: and next to them was
Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah:
for they were counted faithful, and their business
14 was to distribute unto their brethren. Remem-
ber me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe
not out my [3]good deeds that I have done for

[1] Heb. *chamber.*

[2] Or, *deputies*

[3] Heb. *kindnesses.*

the house of my God, and for the observances thereof.

In those days saw I in Judah some treading 15
winepresses on the sabbath, and bringing in
[1] Or, *heaps of corn* [1]sheaves, and lading asses *therewith*; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified *against them* in the day wherein they sold victuals. There 16
dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought in fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. Then I contended with the nobles 17
of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God 18
bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath. And it came to pass that, 19
when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut, and commanded that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I over the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day. So the merchants and sellers of all kind of 20
ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice. Then I testified against them, and said unto 21
[2] Heb. *before.* them, Why lodge ye [2]about the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath. And I commanded the Levites that they should 22
purify themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember unto me, O my God, this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy
[3] Heb. *had made to dwell* with them. mercy.

In those days also saw I the Jews that [3]had 23

married women of Ashdod, of Ammon, *and* of
24 Moab: and their children spake half in the
speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the
Jews' language, but according to the language
25 of each people. And I contended with them,
and [1]cursed them, and smote certain of them, [1] Or, *reviled*
and plucked off their hair, and made them
swear by God, *saying*, Ye shall not give your
daughters unto their sons, nor take their
daughters for your sons, or for yourselves.
26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these
things? yet among many nations was there no
king like him, and he was beloved of his God,
and God made him king over all Israel: never-
theless even him did strange women cause to
27 sin. Shall we then hearken unto you to do all
this great evil, to trespass against our God in
28 marrying strange women? And one of the
sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high
priest, was son in law to Sanballat the Horon-
29 ite: therefore I chased him from me. Re-
member them, O my God, [2]because they have [2] Heb. *for the defilings of &c.*
defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the
30 priesthood, and of the Levites. Thus cleansed
I them from [3]all strangers, and appointed wards [3] Or, *every thing strange*
for the priests and for the Levites, every one in
31 his work; and for the wood offering, at times
appointed, and for the firstfruits. Remember
me, O my God, for good.

THE

# BOOK OF ESTHER.

1 Now it came to pass in the days of [1]Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, over an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:) 2 that in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the [2]palace, 3 in the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him: 4 when he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, even an hundred and fourscore days. 5 And when these days were fulfilled, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace; 6 *there were hangings of* [3]white *cloth, of* [4]green, and *of* blue, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the couches were of gold and silver, upon a pavement [5]of red, and white, and yellow, and black marble. 7 And they gave them drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the [6]bounty of the king. 8 And the drinking was according to the law; none could compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of

[1] Or, *Xerxes* Heb. *Ahashverosh.*

[2] Or, *castle*

[3] Or, *fine* cloth, *white and blue*

[4] Or, *cotton*

[5] Or, *of porphyry, and white marble, and alabaster, and stone of blue colour*

[6] Heb. *hand.*

his house, that they should do according to
9 every man's pleasure. Also Vashti the queen
made a feast for the women in the royal house
10 which belonged to king Ahasuerus. On the
seventh day, when the heart of the king was
merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman,
Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar,
and Carcas, the seven [1]chamberlains that
ministered in the presence of Ahasuerus the
11 king, to bring Vashti the queen before the king
with the crown royal, to shew the peoples and
the princes her beauty: for she was fair to
12 look on. But the queen Vashti refused to
come at the king's commandment by the
chamberlains: therefore was the king very
13 wroth, and his anger burned in him. Then
the king said to the wise men, which knew the
times, (for so was the king's manner toward all
14 that knew law and judgement; and the next
unto him was Carshena, Shethar, Admatha,
Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the
seven princes of Persia and Media, which saw
the king's face, and sat first in the kingdom:)
15 What shall we do unto the queen Vashti ac-
cording to law, because she hath not done the
bidding of the king Ahasuerus by the chamber-
16 lains? And Memucan answered before the king
and the princes, Vashti the queen hath not done
wrong to the king only, but also to all the
princes, and to all the peoples that are in all
17 the provinces of the king Ahasuerus. For
this deed of the queen shall come abroad unto
all women, to make their husbands contemptible
in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The
king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen
to be brought in before him, but she came not.
18 And this day shall the princesses of Persia and
Media which have heard of the deed of the

[1] Or, *eunuchs* (and so in ver. 12, &c.)

queen [1]say *the like* unto all the king's princes. So *shall there arise* [2]much contempt and wrath.

[1] Or, *tell* it
[2] Or, *enough*

If it please the king, let there go forth a royal 19
commandment from him, and let it be written
among the laws of the Persians and the Medes,
[3]that it be not altered, that Vashti come no
more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king
give her royal estate [4]unto another that is better
than she. And when the king's decree which 20
he shall make shall be published throughout
all his kingdom, (for it is great,) all the wives
shall give to their husbands honour, both to
great and small. And the saying pleased the 21
king and the princes; and the king did accord-
ing to the word of Memucan: for he sent 22
letters into all the king's provinces, into every
province according to the writing thereof, and
to every people after their language, that every
man should bear rule in his own house, and
should publish it according to the language of
his people.

[3] Heb. *that it pass not away.*
[4] Heb. *unto her companion.*

After these things, when the wrath of king 1 **2**
Ahasuerus was pacified, he remembered Vashti,
and what she had done, and what was decreed
against her. Then said the king's servants 2
that ministered unto him, Let there be fair
young virgins sought for the king: and let the 3
king appoint officers in all the provinces of his
kingdom, that they may gather together all the
fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to
the house of the women, unto the custody of
[5]Hegai the king's chamberlain, keeper of the
women; and let their things for purification be
given them: and let the maiden which pleaseth 4
the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the
thing pleased the king; and he did so.

[5] Heb. *Hege.*

There was a certain Jew in Shushan the 5
palace, whose name was Mordecai, the son of

Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a
6 Benjamite; who had been carried away from
Jerusalem with the captives which had been
carried away with [1]Jeconiah king of Judah,
whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had
7 carried away. And he [2]brought up Hadassah,
that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she
had neither father nor mother, and the maiden
was fair and beautiful; and when her father
and mother were dead, Mordecai took her for
8 his own daughter. So it came to pass, when
the king's commandment and his decree was
heard, and when many maidens were gathered
together unto Shushan the palace, to the
custody of Hegai, that Esther was taken into
the king's house, to the custody of Hegai,
9 keeper of the women. And the maiden pleased
him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he
speedily gave her her things for purification,
with her portions, and the seven maidens, which
were meet to be given her, out of the king's
house: and he removed her and her maidens
to the best place of the house of the women.
10 Esther had not shewed her people nor her
kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that
11 she should not shew it. And Mordecai walked
every day before the court of the women's
house, to know how Esther did, and what
12 should become of her. Now when the turn
of every maiden was come to go in to king
Ahasuerus, after that it had been done to her
according to the law for the women, twelve
months, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, *to wit*, six months with
oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours,
and with the things for the purifying of the
13 women,) then in this wise came the maiden
unto the king, whatsoever she desired was

[1] In 2 Kings xxiv. 6, *Jehoiachin.*
[2] Heb. *nourished.*

given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house. In the 14
evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain, which kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were called by name.
Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter 15
of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her. So 16
Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.
And the king loved Esther above all the 17
women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti. Then the king 18
made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, even Esther's feast; and he made a
[1] Heb. *rest.* [1]release to the provinces, and gave gifts, ac-
[2] Heb. *hand.* cording to the [2]bounty of the king. And when 19
the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sat in the king's gate.
Esther had not yet shewed her kindred nor 20
her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him.
In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's 21
gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan
[3] Heb. *threshold.* and Teresh, of those which kept the [3]door, were wroth, and sought to lay hands on the king Ahasuerus. And the thing was known to 22

Mordecai, who shewed it unto Esther the queen;
and Esther told the king *thereof* in Mordecai's
23 name. And when inquisition was made of the
matter, and it was found to be so, they were
both hanged on a tree: and it was written in
the book of the chronicles before the king.

**3** 1 After these things did king Ahasuerus pro-
mote Haman the son of Hammedatha the
Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat
above all the princes that were with him.
2 And all the king's servants, that were in the
king's gate, bowed down, and did reverence
to Haman: for the king had so commanded
concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not
3 down, nor did him reverence. Then the king's
servants, that were in the king's gate, said unto
Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king's
4 commandment? Now it came to pass, when
they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened
not unto them, that they told Haman, to see
whether Mordecai's [1]matters would stand: for [1] Or, *words*
5 he had told them that he was a Jew. And
when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not
down, nor did him reverence, then was Haman
6 full of wrath. But he thought scorn to lay
hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed
him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman
sought to destroy all the Jews that were through-
out the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the
7 people of Mordecai. In the first month, which
is the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king
Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before
Haman from day to day, and from month to
month, *to* the twelfth *month*, which is the month
8 Adar. And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus,
There is a certain people scattered abroad and
[2]dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces [2] Or, *separated*
of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from

*those of* every people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not [1]for the king's profit to suffer them. If it please the king, let 9
it be written that they be destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those that have the charge of the *king's* business, to bring it into the king's treasuries. And the king took his ring from his hand, and 10
gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy. And the king 11
said unto Haman, The silver is given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee. Then were the king's [2]scribes 12
called in the first month, on the thirteenth day thereof, and there was written according to all that Haman commanded unto the king's satraps, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the princes of every people; to every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and it was sealed with the king's ring. And letters 13
were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey.
A copy of the writing, [3]that the decree should 14
be given out in every province, was published unto all the peoples, that they should be ready against that day. The posts went forth in haste 15
by the king's commandment, and the decree was given out in Shushan the palace: and the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city of Shushan was perplexed.

Now when Mordecai knew all that was done, 1 **4**
Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth

[1] Or, *meet for the king*

[2] Or, *secretaries*

[3] Or, *to be given out for a decree*

with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry:
2 and he came even before the king's gate: for none might enter within the king's gate clothed
3 with sackcloth. And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing;
4 and [1]many lay in sackcloth and ashes. And Esther's maidens and her chamberlains came and told it her; and the queen was exceedingly grieved: and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take his sackcloth from off him: but
5 he received it not. Then called Esther for Hathach, one of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and charged him to go to Mordecai, to know what
6 this was, and why it was. So Hathach went forth to Mordecai unto the broad place of the
7 city, which was before the king's gate. And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and the exact sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's
8 treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them. Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given out in Shushan to destroy them, to shew it unto Esther, and to declare it unto her; and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him, for her people.
9 And Hathach came and told Esther the words
10 of Mordecai. Then Esther spake unto Hathach, and gave him a message unto Mordecai, *saying*:
11 All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law for him, that he be put to death,

[1] Heb. *sackcloth and ashes were spread under many.*

except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days. 12 And they told to Mordecai Esther's words. 13 Then Mordecai bade them return answer unto Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. 14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall relief and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place, but thou and thy father's house shall perish: and who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom for such a time as this? 15 Then Esther bade them return answer unto Mordecai, 16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast in like manner; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. 17 So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

5 Now it came to pass on the third day, that 1 Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the entrance of the house. 2 And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre. 3 Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what is thy request? it shall be given thee even to the half of the kingdom. 4 And Esther said, If it seem good unto the

king, let the king and Haman come this day
unto the banquet that I have prepared for him.
5 Then the king said, Cause Haman to make
haste, that it may be done as Esther hath said.
So the king and Haman came to the banquet
6 that Esther had prepared. And the king said
unto Esther at the banquet of wine, What is
thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and
what is thy request? even to the half of the
7 kingdom it shall be performed. Then answered
Esther, and said, My petition and my request
is; if I have found favour in the sight of the
king, and if it please the king to grant my
petition, and to perform my request, let the
king and Haman come to the banquet that I
shall prepare for them, and I will do to-
9 morrow as the king hath said. Then went
Haman forth that day joyful and glad of heart:
but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's
gate, that he stood not up nor [1]moved for him, [1] Or, *trembled before him*
he was filled with wrath against Mordecai.
10 Nevertheless Haman refrained himself, and
went home; and he sent and fetched his friends
11 and Zeresh his wife. And Haman recounted
unto them the glory of his riches, and the
multitude of his children, and all the things
wherein the king had promoted him, and how
he had advanced him above the princes and
12 servants of the king. Haman said moreover,
Yea, Esther the queen did let no man come
in with the king unto the banquet that she had
prepared but myself; and to-morrow also am
13 I invited by her together with the king. Yet
all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see
Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate.
14 Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends
unto him, Let a [2]gallows be made of fifty cubits [2] Heb. *tree.*
high, and in the morning speak thou unto the

king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

[1] Heb. *the king's sleep fled* from him.

On that night [1]could not the king sleep; and 1 6
he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles, and they were read before the king. And it was found written, that Mordecai 2
had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, of those that kept the

[2] Heb. *threshold.*

[2]door, who had sought to lay hands on the king Ahasuerus. And the king said, What honour 3
and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him. And the king said, Who is in the 4
court? Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him. And the king's servants 5
said unto him, Behold, Haman standeth in the court. And the king said, Let him come in. So Haman came in. And the king said unto 6
him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour? Now Haman said in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself? And Haman said unto the king, For the man 7
whom the king delighteth to honour, let royal 8
apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon,

[3] Or, *and the crown royal which is set upon his head*

[3]and on the head of which a crown royal is set: and let the apparel and the horse be delivered 9
to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man withal whom the king delighteth to honour, and cause him to ride on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall

it be done to the man whom the king delighteth
10 to honour. Then the king said to Haman,
Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse,
as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai
the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let
11 nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken. Then
took Haman the apparel and the horse, and
arrayed Mordecai, and caused him to ride
through the street of the city, and proclaimed
before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man
12 whom the king delighteth to honour. And
Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But
Haman hasted to his house, mourning and
13 having his head covered. And Haman recounted
unto Zeresh his wife and all his friends every
thing that had befallen him. Then said his
wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, If
Mordecai, before whom thou hast begun to fall,
be of the seed of the Jews, thou shalt not
prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before
14 him. While they were yet talking with him,
came the king's chamberlains, and hasted to
bring Haman unto the banquet that Esther had
prepared.

**7** 1 So the king and Haman came [1]to banquet
2 with Esther the queen. And the king said
again unto Esther on the second day at the
banquet of wine, What is thy petition, queen
Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what
is thy request? even to the half of the kingdom
3 it shall be performed. Then Esther the queen
answered and said, If I have found favour in
thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let
my life be given me at my petition, and my
4 people at my request: for we are sold, I and
my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to
perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen
and bondwomen, I had held my peace, [2]although

[1] Heb. *to drink.*

[2] Or, *for our affliction is not to be compared with the king's damage*

the adversary could not have compensated for
the king's damage. Then spake the king 5
Ahasuerus and said unto Esther the queen,
Who is he, and where is he, that durst presume
in his heart to do so? And Esther said, An 6
adversary and an enemy, even this wicked
Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the
king and the queen. And the king arose in his 7
wrath from the banquet of wine *and went* into
the palace garden: and Haman stood up to
make request for his life to Esther the queen;
for he saw that there was evil determined
against him by the king. Then the king 8
returned out of the palace garden into the
place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was
fallen upon the couch whereon Esther was.
Then said the king, Will he even force the
queen before me in the house? As the word
went out of the king's mouth, they covered
Haman's face. Then said Harbonah, one of 9
the chamberlains that were before the king,
[1] Heb. *tree.* Behold also, the [1]gallows fifty cubits high, which
Haman hath made for Mordecai, who spake
good for the king, standeth in the house of
Haman. And the king said, Hang him thereon.
So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he 10
had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the
king's wrath pacified.

On that day did the king Ahasuerus give the 1 **8**
house of Haman the Jews' enemy unto Esther
the queen. And Mordecai came before the
king; for Esther had told what he was unto
her. And the king took off his ring, which 2
he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto
Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the
house of Haman. And Esther spake yet 3
again before the king, and fell down at his feet,
and besought him with tears to put away the

mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device
4 that he had devised against the Jews. Then
the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre.
So Esther arose, and stood before the king.
5 And she said, If it please the king, and if I
have found favour in his sight, and the thing
seem right before the king, and I be pleasing
in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the
letters devised by Haman the son of Ham-
medatha the Agagite, which he wrote to
destroy the Jews which are in all the king's
6 provinces: for how can I endure to see the
evil that shall come unto my people? or how
can I endure to see the destruction of my
7 kindred? Then the king Ahasuerus said unto
Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew,
Behold, I have given Esther the house of
Haman, and him they have hanged upon the
gallows, because he laid his hand upon the
8 Jews. Write ye also [1]to the Jews, as it liketh [1] Or, *concerning*
you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's
ring: for the writing which is written in the
king's name, and sealed with the king's ring,
9 may no man reverse. Then were the king's
scribes called at that time, in the third month,
which is the month Sivan, on the three and
twentieth *day* thereof; and it was written
according to all that Mordecai commanded
unto the Jews, and to the satraps, and the
governors and princes of the provinces which
are from India unto Ethiopia, an hundred twenty
and seven provinces, unto every province ac-
cording to the writing thereof, and unto every
people after their language, and to the Jews
according to their writing, and according to
10 their language. And he wrote in the name of
king Ahasuerus, and sealed it with the king's ring,
and sent letters by posts on horseback, riding

on [1]swift steeds that were used in the king's service, bred of the stud: wherein the king 11
granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, *their* little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey, upon one day in all the provinces of 12
king Ahasuerus, *namely*, upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar. A copy of the writing, [2]that the decree 13
should be given out in every province, was published unto all the peoples, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies. So the 14
posts that rode upon swift steeds that were used in the king's service went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment; and the decree was given out in Shushan the palace. And Mordecai went forth from the 15
presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a robe of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan shouted and was glad. The 16
Jews had light and gladness, and joy and honour. And in every province, and in every 17
city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had gladness and joy, a feast and a good day. And many from among the peoples of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews was fallen upon them.

Now in the twelfth month, which is the 1 9
month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have rule over them; whereas it was turned to the contrary,

[1] Or, *swift steeds, mules,* and *young dromedaries*

[2] Or, *to be given out for a decree*

that the Jews had rule over them that hated
2 them; the Jews gathered themselves together
in their cities throughout all the provinces
of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such
as sought their hurt: and no man could with-
stand them; for the fear of them was fallen
3 upon all the peoples. And all the princes of the
provinces, and the satraps, and the governors,
and they that did the king's business, helped
the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai was
4 fallen upon them. For Mordecai was great in
the king's house, and his fame went forth
throughout all the provinces: for the man
5 Mordecai waxed greater and greater. And
the Jews smote all their enemies with the
stroke of the sword, and with slaughter and
destruction, and did what they would unto them
6 that hated them. And in Shushan the palace
the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men.
7 And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha,
8, 9 and Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha, and
Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vaizatha,
10 the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha,
the Jews' enemy, slew they; but on the spoil
11 they laid not their hand. On that day the
number of those that were slain in Shushan the
12 palace was brought before the king. And the
king said unto Esther the queen, The Jews
have slain and destroyed five hundred men in
Shushan the palace, and the ten sons of Haman;
what then have they done in the rest of the
king's provinces! Now what is thy petition?
and it shall be granted thee: or what is thy
13 request further? and it shall be done. Then
said Esther, If it please the king, let it be
granted to the Jews which are in Shushan to
do to-morrow also according unto this day's
decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged

upon the gallows. And the king commanded it 14
so to be done: and a decree was given out in
Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons.
And the Jews that were in Shushan gathered 15
themselves together on the fourteenth day also
of the month Adar, and slew three hundred
men in Shushan; but on the spoil they laid
not their hand. And the other Jews that were 16
in the king's provinces gathered themselves
together, and stood for their lives, and had rest
from their enemies, and slew of them that hated
them seventy and five thousand; but on the
spoil they laid not their hand. *This was done* 17
on the thirteenth day of the month Adar;
and on the fourteenth day of the same they
rested, and made it a day of feasting and
gladness. But the Jews that were in Shushan 18
assembled together on the thirteenth *day* there-
of, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the
fifteenth *day* of the same they rested, and made
it a day of feasting and gladness. Therefore 19
do the Jews of the villages, that dwell in the
unwalled towns, make the fourteenth day of the
month Adar *a day of* gladness and feasting, and
a good day, and of sending portions one to
another.

And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent 20
letters unto all the Jews that were in all the
provinces of the king Ahasuerus, both nigh and
far, to enjoin them that they should keep the 21
fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the
fifteenth day of the same, yearly, as the days 22
wherein the Jews had rest from their enemies,
and the month which was turned unto them
from sorrow to gladness, and from mourning
into a good day: that they should make them
days of feasting and gladness, and of sending
portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.

23 And the Jews undertook to do as they had
begun, and as Mordecai had written unto them;
24 because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the
Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised
against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast
Pur, that is, the lot, to consume them, and to
25 destroy them; but when *the matter* came before
the king, he commanded by letters that his
wicked device, which he had devised against
the Jews, should return upon his own head;
and that he and his sons should be hanged on
26 the gallows. Wherefore they called these days
Purim, after the name of Pur. Therefore because
of all the words of this letter, and of that which
they had seen concerning this matter, and that
27 which had come unto them, the Jews ordained,
and took upon them, and upon their seed, and
upon all such as joined themselves unto them,
so as it should not fail, that they would keep
these two days according to the writing thereof,
and according to the appointed time thereof,
28 every year; and that these days should be
remembered and kept throughout every gener-
ation, every family, every province, and every
city; and that these days of Purim should
not fail from among the Jews, nor the memor-
29 ial of them [1]perish from their seed. Then
Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail,
and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all [2]authority
30 to confirm this second letter of Purim. And
he sent letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred
twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom
of Ahasuerus, *with* words of peace and truth,
31 to confirm these days of Purim in their ap-
pointed times, according as Mordecai the Jew
and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as
they had ordained for themselves and for their
seed, [3]in the matter of the fastings and their

[1] Heb. *be ended.*
[2] Heb. *strength.*
[3] See ch. iv. 3.

cry. And the commandment of Esther con- 32
firmed these matters of Purim; and it was
written in the book.

And the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon 1 **10**
the land, and upon the isles of the sea. And 2
all the acts of his power and of his might,
and the full account of the greatness of Mor-
decai, whereunto the king advanced him, are
they not written in the book of the chronicles of
the kings of Media and Persia? For Mordecai 3
the Jew was next unto king Ahasuerus, and
great among the Jews, and accepted of the
multitude of his brethren; seeking the good
of his people, and speaking peace to all his
seed.

# APPENDIX.

*The American Old Testament Revision Company, while recognizing the cordial acceptance given to many of their suggestions, present the following instances in which they differ from the English Company, as of sufficient importance to be appended to the Revision in accordance with the original agreement.*

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## 1 SAMUEL.

II. 20 For "loan . . . lent to" read "petition . . . asked of"
26 For "was in" read "increased in"
III. 1 Substitute marg. [2] ("*frequent*") for the text.
IX. 5 For "take thought" read "be anxious"
14 For "against" read "toward"
X. 2 For "the care of" read "off caring for"
For "taketh thought" read "is anxious"
24 For "God save" read "*Long* live"
XIV. 24 For "but Saul" read "for Saul had"
47 Substitute marg. [2] ("*put* them *to the worse*") for the text.
XV. 32 Substitute marg. [2] ("*cheerfully*") for the text.
XXIII. 7 Omit marg. [1] to "delivered"
XXIV. 11 For "soul" read "life"
XXV. 13 For "stuff" read "baggage" So in xxx. 24.
22 Omit margins.
XXX. 13 For "agone" read "ago"

## 2 SAMUEL.

V. 2 For "feed" read "be shepherd of" So in vii. 7; 1 Chron. xi. 2 and xvii. 6.
X. 12 For "men" read "man"
XIV. 5 For "widow woman" read "widow" So in 1 Kings xvii. 9, 10.
26 Read "And when he cut the hair of . . . he cut it; because it was . . . he cut it:"

## 1 KINGS.

V. 4 For "occurrent" read "occurrence"
VI. 6 For "rebatements" read "offsets"
VII. 28, 29 Substitute marg. [3] ("*panels*") for the text.
X. 15 For "chapmen" read "traders" So in 2 Chron. ix. 14.
16 For "targets . . . target" read "bucklers . . . buckler" So in 2 Chron. ix. 15.
17 For "pound" read "pounds"
XIV. 3 For "cracknels" read "cakes"
XVII. 12, 14, 16 For "barrel" read "jar" So read "jars" in xviii. 33.
XVIII. 21 For "halt ye" read "go ye halting"
XXII. 34 For "harness" read "armour" So in 2 Chron. xviii. 33.

## 2 KINGS.

II. 23 Put marg. [3] ("*young lads*") in the text.
24 For "children" read "lads"
IX. 30 For "tired" read "attired"

IX. 32 For "eunuchs" read "officers" putting the present text in the marg. and similarly for the same word in all other instances.
XII. 9 Substitute marg.[3] ("*threshold*") for the text, and so uniformly elsewhere with similar text and marg.
XV. 5 For "several" read "separate" with marg.[4] Or, *infirmary* So in 2 Chron. xxvi. 21.
XVII. 6 For "in Habor, *on* the" read "on the Habor, the" So in xviii. 11.
34 For "manners" read "manner"
XIX. 4 For "reproach" read "defy" with corresponding change in verses 22, 23. So in Is. xxxvii. 4, 17, 23, 24.
7 For "a rumour" read "tidings" So in Is. xxxvii. 7; Jer. x. 22; li. 46 (3 times).
35 For "they . . . corpses" read "these . . . bodies" So in Is. xxxvii. 36.

## 1 CHRONICLES.

IV. 43 For "dwelt" read "have dwelt"
IX. 19 Substitute marg.[6] ("*Tent*") for the text. So marg.[3] on ver. 23.
28 For "tale were they" read "count were these" (twice)
XII. 15 For "overflown" read "overflowed"
XX. 4, 6 Omit margins.
XXI. 12 For "coasts" read "borders"
13 For "now" read "I pray"
XXVIII. 12 For "spirit" read "Spirit"

## 2 CHRONICLES.

II. 9 For "wonderful great" read "great and wonderful"
III. 17 Marg.[5] Omit "perhaps"
XIII. 7 For "vain" read "worthless"
XIV. 14 For "spoiled" read "made spoil of"
XXII. 6 Omit marg.[5] except "So in 2 Kings viii. 29"
XXX. 22 For "were well skilled" read "had good understanding"
XXXIV. 12 For "could skill of" read "were skilful with"
XXXVI. 3 For "amerced" read "fined"
17 For "ancient" read "hoary headed"

## EZRA.

IV. 13 For "endamage" read "be hurtful unto"
IX. 3 For "mantle" read "robe" So in ver. 5; also in Job i. 20; ii. 12; Ps. cix. 29; and "mantle" for "cloke" in Is. lix. 17.

## NEHEMIAH.

IV. 4 For "to spoiling" read "for a spoil"

## ESTHER.

II. 17 For "grace and favour" read "favour and kindness"

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